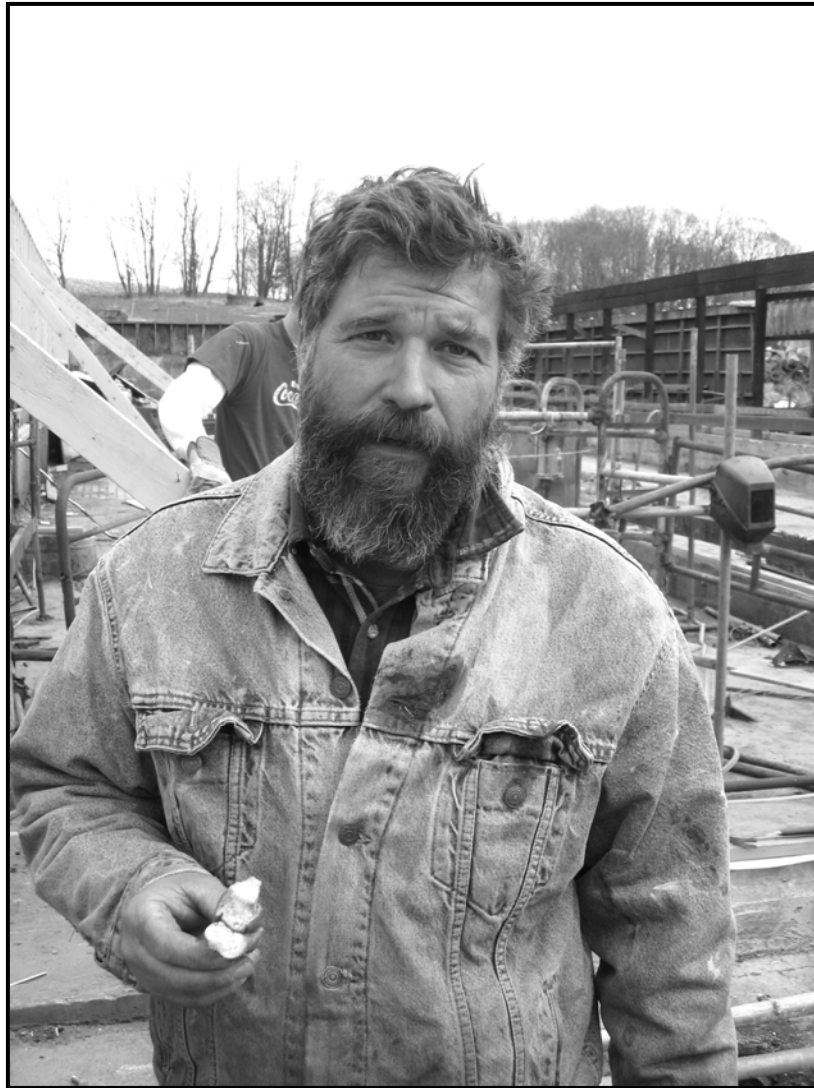


# Peacham Vermont



Annual Report 2008  
Town

Town Meeting Day  
Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
10:00 A.M.  
(Town Meeting followed by School District Meeting)  
Peacham Congregational Church

Potluck Lunch  
will be served at noon  
at the Peacham Congregational Church.  
Please bring a hot dish or salad.  
Rolls, dessert, and beverage will be provided.  
Donation \$1.00



In Memoriam  
Don Davis  
October 8, 1957 – January 11, 2009  
Peacham Resident and Faithful Volunteer 1986 – 2009  
We cannot think of Town Meeting without remembering Don. We miss him.

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
**TOWN OF PEACHAM**  
**Town Reports**  
VERMONT  
2008

TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 2008

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## **WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Peacham Congregational Church in said Peacham on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM, to transact the following business:

- Article 1      To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.
- Article 2      To receive the report of Town Auditors.
- Article 3      To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
- Article 4      To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
- Article 5      To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Article 6      To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 7      To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 8      To elect an Auditor for a term of two years.
- Article 9      To elect a Grand Juror for a term of one year.
- Article 10     To elect a Town Agent for a term of one year.
- Article 11     To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.
- Article 12     To elect a Second Constable for a term of one year.
- Article 13     Shall the delinquent taxes be collected by the First Constable or shall the Town elect a Delinquent Tax Collector.
- Article 14     To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year
- Article 15     Shall the voters appropriate the following amounts to be applied in the following order, from Surplus General Government Funds, if any, declared by the Town Treasurer:
  - 1. First to pay off, to the extent surplus funds are available, any deficit incurred in 2008;

2. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, those remaining funds shall be used to pay-off the outstanding loan used to construct the Peacham Firehouse;
3. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, \$100,000 of those remaining funds shall be used to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town;
4. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, \$60,000 of those remaining funds shall be transferred to the Town's Retreatment Reserve Fund;
5. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, \$40,000 of those remaining funds shall be transferred to the Town's Capital Building Fund; and
6. Then, if any Surplus Funds remain, those remaining funds shall be placed in a Working Capital Reserve Fund to defray the expenses of the Town and thereby reduce the need of the Town to borrow funds for its operation.

Article 16      Shall the voters appropriate \$328,160 in taxes to defray Highway expenses.

Article 17      Shall the voters appropriate \$261,092 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town.

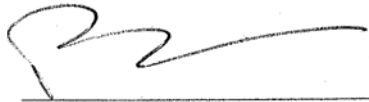
Article 18      Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$19,808 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:

A. Area Agency on Aging	\$660
B. Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2000
C. Catamount Arts	\$500
D. Danville Rescue Squad	\$5000
E. Danville Senior Action	\$300
F. Fairbanks Museum	\$650
G. NEK Human Services	\$698
H. NEK Learning Ser.	\$250
I. NEK Youth Services	\$500
J. Peacham Fire District # 1	\$1500
K. Peacham Library	\$5500
L. Umbrella	\$500
M. Cabot Ambulance	\$500
N. Rural Communities Transportation	\$250
O. West Danville Community Club	\$500
P. Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,808</b>

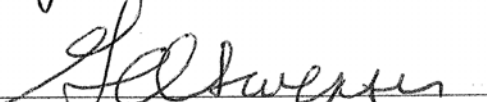
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Article 20 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

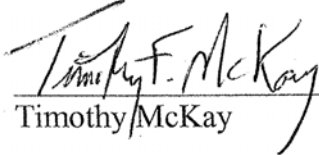
Done at Peacham, Vermont: January 23, 2009



Richard Browne

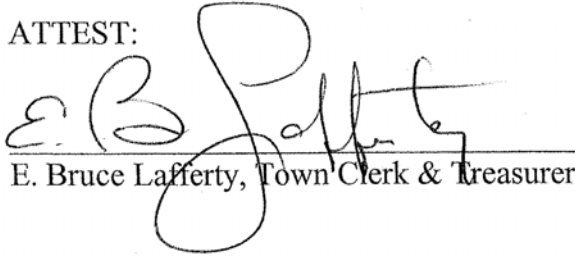


Gary Swenson



Timothy McKay

ATTEST:



E. Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk & Treasurer



## **Minutes for Town Meeting 2008**

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business:

- Article 1      To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.
- Kathy Corcoran moved to nominate Rob Ide for Moderator. John Marshall seconded. Dick Browne moved to close nominations and that the Town Clerk cast one vote. Motion seconded. Ide was elected.
- Article 2      To receive the report of Town Auditors.
- Becky Jensen presented the report for the Town Auditors.
- Article 3      To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
- Kathy Corcoran moved to elect Bruce Lafferty as Town Clerk for a term of one year. Diana Senturia seconded. Dick Browne moved to close nominations and cast one ballot. Motion seconded. Lafferty elected.
- Article 4      To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
- Diana Senturia moved to elect Bruce Lafferty as Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year. Jeremy White seconded. Richard Brown moved to close nominations. Don Davis seconded. So voted. Lafferty elected.
- Article 5      To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Sam Kempton moved to elect Tim McKay to the Selectboard for a term of three years. Charlie Browne seconded. Don Davis moved to close nominations and the Town Clerk cast one ballot. Motion seconded. McKay elected.
- Article 6      To elect a Lister for a term of one year.
- Becky Jensen moved to elect Kirsten Szendry as Lister for a term of three years. Diana Senturia seconded. Don Davis moved to close nominations and the Town Clerk cast one ballot. Motion seconded. Szendry elected.
- Article 7      To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Julie Kempton moved to elect Becky Jensen as Lister for a term of three years. Diana Senturia seconded. Don Davis moved to close nominations and to have the Town Clerk cast on ballot. Jerry Senturia seconded. Jensen elected.
- Article 8      To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Charlie Browne moved to elect Becky Jensen as Auditor for a term of three years. Diana Senturia seconded. Jensen declined the nomination. Don Davis moved that the Selectboard appoint an Auditor for a term of one year. Motion seconded by Barry Lawson. Diana Senturia nominated Richard Scholes to be Auditor for three years. Scholes declined. Selectboard will appoint an Auditor for a term of 1 year.
- Article 9      To elect a Grand Juror for a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia moved to elect Charlie Browne as Grand Juror for a term of one year. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted. Browne was elected.

Article 10 To elect a Town Agent for a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia moved to elect Robert Fuehrer as Town Agent for a term of one year. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted. Fuehrer elected.

Article 11 To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.

Ron Craig moved to elect John Sheehan as First Constable for a term of one year. Jeremy White seconded. So voted. Sheehan elected.

Article 12 To elect a Second Constable for a term of one year.

Diana Senturia moved to elect Bill Thresher as Second Constable for a term of one year. Jerry Senturia seconded. So voted. Thresher elected.

Article 13 Shall the delinquent taxes be collected by the First Constable or shall the Town elect a Delinquent Tax Collector.

Bob Fuehrer moved that the Delinquent Taxes be collected by the First Constable. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.

Article 14 To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Passed over: to elect a Delinquent Tax Collector.

Article 15 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes, and to be held in a reserve fund until used, for the purpose of the purchase of a new rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Diana Senturia moved to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes and to be held in a reserve fund until used, for the purpose of the purchase of a new rescue vehicle for the Fire Department. Kathy Corcoran seconded. Jeff Berwick reported that a current vehicle purchase is in progress at this time and moved that Article 15 be amended to say, Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes and to be held in a reserve fund until used for the purpose of refurbishing a new Town rescue vehicle. Mike Bruton seconded. Amended article passed.

Article 16 Shall the voters appropriate \$6,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the construction of a Veterans' Memorial.

Ron Crisman moved that the voters appropriate \$6,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the construction of a Veterans' Memorial. Diana Senturia seconded. Allen Thresher, Sr. discussed the significance of the planned Veterans' Memorial. Kathy Schauer moved to amend the article so that the total amount of monies received by the Town from Town Forest timber sales go towards covering the cost of the Veterans' Memorial. Matt Kiley seconded. Gary Swenson suggested that the motion be amended to read, Shall the voters appropriate an amount equal to the sales proceeds from timber sales in 2007 and 2008 to be raised by taxes and held in a fund until the proceeds are spent. Schauer withdrew her motion for the

purpose of offering a substitute amendment, Kiley withdrew his second, Schauer then moved Shall the voters appropriate an amount equal to the Town Forest Timber sales of \$12,000.00 to be used to defray the cost of the Veterans' Memorial, Kiley seconded. Barry Lawson moved that the amendment include that proper signage and acknowledgement be provided as to the origin of the Town Forest. Don Davis seconded. The Lawson amendment was approved, and then the Schauer amendment as amended was approved. Article 16 passed as amended.

Article 17 Shall the Town establish a Capital Building Fund for the purpose of major repair, renovation, or replacement of Town buildings?

Barry Lawson moved that the Town establish a Capital Building Fund for the purpose of major repair, renovation, or replacement of Town buildings. Diana Senturia seconded. Selectman, Tim McKay, discussed the specifics of this article. So voted.

Article 18 Shall the voters appropriate the following amounts to be applied in the following order, from Surplus General Government Funds, if any, declared by the town Treasurer:

1. First to pay off, to the extent surplus funds are available, any deficit incurred in 2007;
2. Then, if any surplus funds remain, to establish a reserve account to hold any Surplus Funds until they are appropriated pursuant to a vote at a Town Meeting.

Selectman, Gary Swenson, moved that Article 18 be passed over. Motion seconded. So voted.

Article 19 Shall the voters appropriate \$317,223 in taxes to defray Highway expenses.

Bob Fuehrer moved to appropriate \$317,223 in taxes to defray Highway expenses. Kathy Schauer seconded. Selectman, Tim McKay, reported on Highway expenses and revenues. So voted.

Article 20 Shall the voters appropriate \$251,820 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town.

Bob Fuehrer moved to appropriate \$251,820 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town. Joanne Crisman seconded. Ron Crisman moved to amend Article 20 to add an additional \$12,000 to the tax figure for the Veterans' Memorial. Jerry Senturia seconded. Article 20 passed as amended.

Article 21 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,748 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:

A. Area Agency on Aging	\$600
B. Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2000
C. Catamount Arts	\$500
D. Danville Rescue Squad	\$6000
E. Danville Senior Action	\$300
F. Fairbanks Museum	\$650
G. NEK Human Services	\$698
H. NEK Learning Ser.	\$250
I. NEK Youth Services	\$500
J. Peacham Fire District # 1	\$1500
K. Peacham Library	\$5500
L. Umbrella	\$500
M. Cabot Ambulance	\$500
N. Rural Communities Transportation	\$250
O. West Danville Community Club	\$500
P. Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,748</b>

Diana Senturia moved that the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,748 to be raised in taxes in support of the organizations listed in Article 21. Wynne Browne seconded. Charlie Browne discussed this year's appropriation requests. Jeff Berwick moved to amend Article 21 to lower the amount for the Danville Rescue Squad, at their request, by \$1000 making the total appropriation request of the Danville Rescue Squad \$5000 and lowering the overall total appropriation figure to \$19,748. Jerry Senturia seconded. So voted.

Article 22 Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2008, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date.

Ron Crisman moved that the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2008, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.

Article 23 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

1. At the beginning of Town Meeting, John Marshall spoke on behalf of the Peacham Congregational Church in welcoming the residents of Peacham to the Church.
2. Kathy Schauer commended Rob Ide on his excellent job as Moderator for this year's Town Meeting.
3. Dave Stauffer asked that Allen Thresher, John Sheehan, and Ron Crisman inform the public as to where contributions for the Veterans' Memorial may be made.

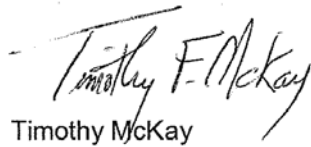
4. Barry Lawson sincerely thanked all Town residents who have volunteered and participated in the Town government this year.
5. Rob Ide, Moderator, thanked the voters for their participation and cooperation at this year's meeting.
6. Tim McKay thanked the Peacham Congregational Church for their generosity in allowing the Town to hold the 2008 Town Meeting in their building.
7. Tim McKay announced a public meeting to be held at the Peacham Library on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the roles of conservation, recreation, and town trails in Peacham. All are welcome to attend. He also expressed the need for more community volunteers to serve on local committees.

Martha Ide moved to adjourn. Diana Senturia seconded. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.


The foregoing is approved and attested to by:

Peacham Selectboard



Timothy McKay

Moderator



Robert Ide




Gary Swenson

Clerk to the Board



Richard Browne



Bruce Lafferty

### Elected Town Officers 2008

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Julie Kempton Don Davis Jan Eastman	2010 Resigned 2009 (appointed)
First Constable Second Constable	John Sheehan Bill Thresher	2009 2009
Delinquent Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2009
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2009
Library Representative	Beatrice DeRocco	2009
Listers	Kirsten Szendrey Julie Kempton Rebecca Jensen	2009 2010 2011
Moderator	Robert Ide	2009
School Directors	Jean Deadam JoAnne Post Wynne Browne	2009 2010 2011
Select Board	Gary Swenson Richard Browne Tim McKay	2009 2010 2011
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2009
Town Clerk	Bruce Lafferty	2009
Town Treasurer	Bruce Lafferty	2009

### Appointments by Select Board 2008

<b>Committee</b>		<b>Appointment ends</b>
Agency Appropriation Committee	Don Davis Jean Clark Charles Browne	2009 2010 2011
Conservation Commission	David Magnus David Stauffer Neil Monteith (ex officio) Ron Miller George Kempton Anna Rubin	2009 2010 2012 2011 2012 2012
Emergency Management Coordinator	Jerry Senturia	2009
Fence Viewers	Kenneth Bean Maurice Chandler Ken Danielson	2009 2009 2009
Fire Chief	Jeff Berwick	2009
Fire Warden	Neil Monteith	2009
Green-up Chairman	JoAnne Post Dave Stauffer	2009 2009
Health Officer	Sharon McDonnell	2009
Assistant Health Officer	Jean Berwick	2010
Keeper of the Pound	Jo Guertin	2009
Memorial Day Chairman	Mel Reis	2009
NEK Waste Management District Representative	Richard Blair	2009
NVDA Representatives	Jean Dedam Tom Joyce	2009 2009
Planning Commission	Marsha Garrison Tom Joyce Gib Parrish Tom Glavin John Reiss Maurine Rosenberg Marilyn Magnus	2009 2009 2009 2010 2010 2011 2011

Road Commissioner	Select Board	
Service Officer	Patty Strader	2009
Sextons	Ron Craig Cheryl Stevenson	2009 2009
Town Economic Committee	Charlie Browne Barry Lawson Tim MacKay Gib Parish Mary Ellen Reis	2009 2009 2009 2009 2009
Town Energy Coordinator	David Magnus	2009
Tree Board	David Jacobs Julie Lang Neil Monteith Cheryl Stevenson Marj Swenson	2009 2009 2009 2009 2009
Tree Warden	Neil Monteith	2009
Zoning Administrator*	Robert Hansen	2009
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Francis Carlet Michael Bruton Ronald Craig Robert Joly Donald Moore, Sr.	2009 2009 2009 2009 2009

\*Appointed by the Planning Commission, approved by the Select Board

### **Other Elected Officials:**

Justice of the Peace (all terms expire in February 2011):

Jean Dedam

Annette Lorraine

Maryellen Griffin

Diana Senturia

Sam Kempton

State Representative (term expires in 2011):

Kitty Beattie Toll

US Representative (term expires in 2010):

Peter Welch

State Senators (terms expire in 2011):

Mathew Choate

Jane Kitchell

US Senator (term expires in 2013):

Bernie Sanders



## Vital Statistics 2008

### Births

Elizabeth Land Mackenzie Katherine Land Mackenzie	August 5	Jenny Mackenzie John Mackenzie
Sias Ruel Downer	March 7	Kerryanne Downer (Barnett) Gregory Downer
Meredith Rose Roy	July 17	Jessica Roy (Patoine) Trent Roy
Bodhi William Fournier	August 12	Margaret Brown Tyler Fournier
Anne Reardon Alexander	September 22	Sarah Jane Alexander

### Marriages & Civil Unions

Paul M Dusini Karen W Hendy	May 2	Shawn M Gilbert Meredith B Walsh	August 8
James H Warden Teresa A Strong	June 29	Peter J Lloyd Jessica L Mulligan	July 26
Randall D Laflamme Jennifer L Stevenson (Field)	July 19	Paul L Chandler Susan J Benjamin	November 1
Patricia E Allen Patricia A Gordon	July 11	Robert C Charlier Erika D Budde	December 13
Ryan T Chapell Amanda L Cross	July 19	Michael T Stebelus Darleen G Surat	December 27

### Deaths

Jean F Achilles	67	Jan 22	Chelmsford, MA
Lawrence H Welch	78	February 2	St Johnsbury, VT
Delmar D Petrie	87	February 2	Exeter, NH
Rochelle E Miller	48	March 8	St Johnsbury, VT
James W Brown	69	May 7	Lebanon, NH
Margaret M Goodnow	92	June 9	Kissimmee, FL
Dr. Melvin C Somers, EdD	77	June 14	Barre, VT
Harold L Bates	90	August 1	St Johnsbury, VT
James S Gruber	54	August 30	Lyndon, VT
Alton W Graeff	97	September 5	Littleton, NH
Dr. Henry H Schmidek	71	October 26	Oxford, England

## **Town of Peacham Auditors' Report 2008**

We have examined the finances presented to us by the Town Treasurer. We have verified stated cash balances, inspected certificates of deposits, loan documents, and investment account statements. Checks have been written according to statements and warrants except as noted below. The town's current assets are correctly stated in the Summary of Town Accounts, the Inventory of Real Estate, the Inventory of Road Equipment, and the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department Accounts Report.

Article 15 of the Minutes for Town Meeting 2008 indicates that the voters approved a \$15,000 appropriation to be raised by taxes and to be held in reserve until used for the purchase of a new fire truck. The sum of \$15,000 was transferred but was not included in the sums raised by taxes.

Article 21 of the Minutes for Town Meeting 2008 indicates that the voters approved the sum of \$19,748 to be raised by taxes to support a number of organizations. The Danville Rescue Squad was to receive \$5,000 instead \$6,000 was sent. They have agreed to return \$1,000.

Our review of grant funds is ongoing. We will continue to work to improve the process that properly uses and accounts for grant funds.

We extend our thanks to Town Treasurer Bruce Lafferty, Assistant Town Treasurer Stan Fickes, and past auditors Rebecca Jensen and Diana Senturia for their help in preparing the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Eastman & Julie Kempton  
Town Of Peacham Auditors

## **Town Clerk's Report**

2008 was a very busy and challenging year for the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk, Stan Fickes. In addition to our daily statutory duties of recording documents, collecting taxes, handling election responsibilities, and serving as the Town's information center, we completed some other tasks as well.

This year we applied for and received a 100% federally funded HAVA (Help America Vote Act) election grant. These funds provided new telecommunications equipment in the Town Gym enabling us to comply with federally mandated handicap accessible voting requirements. The grant also provided funds to purchase and install OSHA approved entrance and exit door hardware for the entire Town Hall. These projects greatly improved the overall safety and security of the Town Hall.

The Primary Election in March and the Presidential Election in November made 2008 an exciting year. Peacham's voter registration and voter participation numbers made our town stand out as one of the leaders in the state. Specifically, of the 685 residents of Peacham, 620 are registered voters. Of the 620 registered voters 516 or 83% participated in the Presidential Election. The popularity of early and absentee voting continues to increase with 174 ballots cast in this manner. These are impressive figures!

Ongoing special projects in the Town Office include electronically cataloging Town and Cemetery records, organizing building and zoning documents, and eventually working with the State to electronically report vital statistics.

As always, it's been a pleasure to be able to work with all the various committees, volunteers, elected officials, and residents of our community.

Bruce Lafferty  
Peacham Town Clerk

## **Town Treasurer's Report**

The Town Treasurer in 2008 focused on three main topics each of which were clearly defined in the Town Auditors report last year.

Grants were the first item of business addressed. Improved communications between initiating Grant Committees, the Selectboard and the Town Treasurer have led to funds being more accurately tracked from inception to conclusion. It is, however, the Treasurer's opinion that the need exists for strict grant procedures in all aspects of accounting and communications. Grant Committee Administrators would serve as central information sources for all individual grants.

The second area focused on was the improved general accounting practices used by the Treasurer to produce accurate reports. These reports are prepared in order to satisfy town audit requirements. These requirements have been met.

The final significant topic this year was establishing the amount of the Town's surplus funds. In conjunction with the Town Auditors, the Treasurer has concluded that the Town's 2008 surplus funds as of December 31, 2008 amount is \$270,640.89. The creation of the surplus originated and has grown over at least a six year period.

As Town Treasurer let me assure the taxpayers of Peacham that the town funds, including the surplus, are properly accounted for and safely invested. The issue at this juncture is for the taxpayers of Peacham to decide how to allocate the fund surplus. As I stated last year, through your votes you determine how the town funds are spent. This is what the Statutes of Vermont proclaim.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Town Treasurer this past year. It has been a pleasure working with the Selectboard, Town of Peacham and State of Vermont Auditors and the taxpayers and residents of Peacham.

Bruce Lafferty  
Treasurer, Town of Peacham

### Summary of Town Accounts

<b>Account</b>	<b>December 31, 2007</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
Checking	456,013.69	349,567.06
Storm repair road -- FEMA	2,263.13	61,672.83
Retreatment	1,056.23	10,339.28
CDARS capital equipment	76,485.07	(Moved to RCE)
Road capital equipment	<u>8,326.60</u>	<u>84,519.98</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$544,144.72</b>	<b>\$506,099.15</b>

### Statement of Debt Outstanding (December 31, 2008)

Highway Truck Lease	22,020.24
Fire Truck Lease	26,800.72
Fire Station Note	36,668.00
2008 Dump Truck Lease	<u>92,785.08</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$178,274.04</b>

- The Highway Truck Lease is paid semi-annually to Municipal Asset Management for a total of \$22,020.24 per year. The final payment will be due in September 2009. Interest is an expense that is included in the total debt outstanding.
- The Fire Truck Lease is paid semi-annually to Municipal Asset Management for a total of \$26,800.72 per year. The final payment will be due in September 2009. Interest is an expense that is included in the total debt outstanding.
- The Fire Station Note with Passumpsic Savings Bank, approved by voters in 2000, is currently paid yearly at \$18,333.00 not including interest. The final payment will be due in 2010. The interest is an expense that is not included in the total debt outstanding.

## General Fund Balance Sheet

### ASSET

	<b>12/31/2007</b>	<b>12/31/2008</b>
Main Checking	456,013.69	349,567.06
Due from state - prop tax	--	4,918.00
FEMA Passumpsic 2112	2,263.13	61,672.83
Prepaid Oil	5,593.74	12,373.66
Taxes past due	<u>91,368.00</u>	<u>119,848.53</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>555,238.56</b>	<b>548,380.08</b>

### LIABILITY\*

	<b>12/31/2007</b>	<b>12/31/2008</b>
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	42.61	380.56
Prop Tax Credits Payable	7,259.59	4,918.00
Restoration Land Records	1,610.24	2,889.43
Conservation Reserve	6,627.01	7,127.01
VT Money For Reappraisal	22,732.56	12,217.55
Lister education fund	389.62	779.43
Veteran's memorial fund	--	13,069.00
Bridge Fund	11,827.79	13,827.79
Old FEMA Grant	2,263.13	--
FEMA 2008 culvert grant	--	61,672.83
New Recycling Shed	8,502.36	8,502.36
Fire Department Capital Equipment	30,000.00	--
Fire Warden Capital Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rescue vehicle refurbishment	--	6,225.37
Grants Outstanding **	<u>--</u>	<u>15,967.60</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>92,254.91</b>	<b>148,576.93</b>

\*This list of liabilities shows the total outstanding at the end of the year and does not include liabilities that may have existed and were paid down, such as the amount due to the state for dog licenses. These liabilities are accounts payable or reserve

\*\*Grants to the Town of Peacham are currently being reviewed.

## Grand List Computations 2008

Appraised Valuations \$ 85,939,600.00 Exemptions already accounted for

Grand List Set June 3, 2008

$$\text{\$ 85,939,600.00} \times .01 = \text{\$ 859,396.00}$$

2008 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead rate	1.8961
Non-Residential rate	1.9682

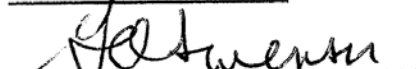
Town Taxes to be raised

Highway	\$ 317,223.00
General	\$ 263,820.00
Appropriations	\$ 19,748.00
Local Agreement (Veteran's exemption)	\$ 379.22
Total	\$ 601,170.22

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Town tax rate} & & \\ \text{\$ 601,170.22} & / & \text{\$ 859,396.00} = 0.6996 \end{array}$$

<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE</b>	<b>2.5957</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>2.6678</b>

### Peacham Selectboard



Gary Swenson



Richard Browne



Timothy McKay

**Town of Peacham**  
**List of Delinquent Taxes as of January 1, 2009**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2008	\$ 71,081.90	\$ 35,482.73	\$ 14,763.70	\$ 9,231.28	\$ 2,681.02	\$ 2,096.26	\$ 2,414.20	\$ 4,412.71	\$ -
Interest on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2008	\$ 5,622.82	\$ 354.61	\$ 1,127.73	\$ 1,647.63	\$ 1,207.50	\$ 415.79	\$ 194.22	\$ 675.34	\$ -
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2008	\$ 4,126.91	\$ 2,089.99	\$ 1,367.12	\$ 522.16	\$ 98.94	\$ 48.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total collected (2008)</b>	<b>\$ 80,831.63</b>								
Number of Parcels with Delinquent Taxes Due, on Jan 1, 2009		23	14	6	3	3	1	0	1
Amount of Delinquent Tax Due (Jan 1, 2009)	\$ 101,934.25	\$ 53,732.65	\$ 29,949.53	\$ 7,308.36	\$ 3,789.86	\$ 3,376.64	\$ 194.39	\$ -	\$ 3,582.82
Amount of Interest Due (Jan 1, 2009)	\$ 11,245.18	\$ 1,042.94	\$ 3,910.17	\$ 1,801.34	\$ 775.89	\$ 1,519.20	\$ 1.94	\$ -	\$ 2,193.70
Amount of Penalties Due (Jan 1, 2009)	\$ 6,669.10	\$ 4,061.10	\$ 1,706.71	\$ 544.50	\$ 167.71	\$ 189.08	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Due (Jan 1, 2009)</b>	<b>\$ 119,848.53</b>								



## Town of Peacham Revenues

Account	Budget FY - 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<b>TAX RELATED</b>			
Del. Taxes Current Year-collected		71,081.90	
Interest: Del. Taxes	4,000.00	5,622.82	4,000.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment		20,072.89	
	4,000.00	25,695.71	4,000.00
<b>CLERKS OFFICE</b>			
Town Clerk's Fees	5,500.00	7,066.22	7,000.00
Dog Licenses	850.00	707.00	850.00
Liquor License Fees			
	6,350.00	7,773.22	7,850.00
<b>OTHER</b>			
Zoning Fees	1,000.00	952.00	1,000.00
Zoning Fines		0.00	
Board Of Adjustment Fees	0.00	75.00	
Rentals	12,500.00	13,139.96	13,000.00
Misc Revenue	2,500.00	17,553.17	2,500.00
Public Donations		0.00	
Logging	16,000.00	11,196.55	0.00
Interest On Investments	8,000.00	3,510.30	3,000.00
Tree grants and donations		6,000.00	
VT money for reappraisal	29,000.00	16,984.51	12,000.00
	69,000.00	69,411.49	31,500.00
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>			
Transfer Station Fees	32,000.00	33,763.15	33,000.00
	32,000.00	33,763.15	33,000.00
<b>Total General</b>	<b>111,350.00</b>	<b>136,643.57</b>	<b>76,350.00</b>
<b>ROAD REVENUE</b>			
<b>PERMITS</b>			
Access Permits	0.00	81.00	0.00
Excess Weight Permits	300.00	310.00	300.00
Fines	1,200.00	2,398.55	1,200.00
	1,500.00	2,789.55	1,500.00
<b>ST OF VERMONT</b>			
State: Highway Aid	115,000.00	114,770.07	114,000.00
FEMA Grants		53.59	
FEMA Reimbursements		179,427.29	
	115,000.00	294,250.95	114,000.00
<b>OTHER</b>			
Interest On Investments	1,000.00	12.28	0.00
	1,000.00	12.28	0.00
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>117,500.00</b>	<b>297,052.78</b>	<b>115,500.00</b>
<b>STATE OF VERMONT</b>			
Current Use "Hold Harmless"	62,000.00	65,674.00	65,000.00
Pilot State Land	26,000.00	16,171.60	16,000.00
Pilot Buildings	2,200.00	2,671.00	2,200.00
Lease Land		10.50	
HAVA Grant Recv		1,598.71	
FEMA 2008 Storm adm reimb		870.24	
<b>Total State</b>	<b>90,200.00</b>	<b>86,996.05</b>	<b>83,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES</b>	<b>319,050.00</b>	<b>520,692.40</b>	<b>275,050.00</b>

## Town of Peacham Expenses

	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>			
<b><u>PAYROLL</u></b>			
Selectmen's Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Administrative Assistant	35,545.00	40,348.03	0.00
Board Clerk Salary	4,296.00	4,455.41	4,430.00
Listers'salaries	12,000.00	28,984.51	49,724.00
Animal Control Person	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health Officer	50.00	50.00	50.00
Zoning Administrator	2,500.00	2,250.00	2,500.00
Town Treasurer	13,612.00	14,117.22	14,035.00
Asst. Town Treasurer	6,000.00	10,574.18	6,185.00
Town Clerk	13,612.00	14,117.22	14,035.00
Asst. Town Clerk	6,000.00	10,193.55	6,185.00
Auditors' Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Constable	250.00	250.00	250.00
TC/TT FICA/Medical	10,100.00	11,090.92	7,000.00
Unemployment	2,900.00	3,060.00	3,000.00
Workers Comp	17,500.00	6,948.65	0.00
Health Insurance		0.00	0.00
Retire-match Funds	2,250.00	(750.00)	1,500.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>130,115.00</b>	<b>149,189.69</b>	<b>112,394.00</b>
<b><u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u></b>			
VLCT Dues	1,071.00	1,071.00	1,133.00
Town Insurance	30,000.00	32,105.00	40,000.00
Property Tax Abatements		4,858.89	1,000.00
Legal Expense	2,000.00	312.00	1,000.00
County Tax	13,114.00	13,113.93	14,507.00
Tax Mapping	4,000.00	1,737.50	2,000.00
Listers non-personnel expenses	30,000.00	0.00	13,617.00
Planning	2,250.00	4,941.99	1,275.00
Conservation	300.00	0.00	500.00
Contribution to Cons. Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00
Tree Board	1,000.00	4,043.20	1,500.00
Recreation	5,000.00	660.00	2,000.00
Green-Up Vermont	100.00	93.28	100.00
NVDA	280.00	-0.30	280.00
N. VT Resource & Dev. Cncl	75.00	75.00	75.00
Elections/town Meeting	2,500.00	1,815.13	500.00
Cemetery Allocation	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
misc. expenditure	1,000.00	1,705.21	1,000.00
Tax Ant. Note: Interest	0.00	0.00	
Contingency and opportunities	10,000.00	1,400.00	15,000.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>109,190.00</b>	<b>74,431.83</b>	<b>101,987.00</b>

## Town of Peacham Expenses

	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>			
Telephone	2,600.00	2,324.60	2,600.00
Electricity	5,800.00	6,142.37	6,400.00
Mileage	1,000.00	791.16	1,000.00
Supplies Town Clerk/Treasurer	3,300.00	2,583.98	2,900.00
Listers Grievance Ads	200.00	0.00	200.00
Dog Expense	175.00	73.61	175.00
Adm. Assist Other Benefit	900.00	370.10	0.00
Land Records Allocation	400.00	0.00	400.00
Land Record Books	200.00	303.92	200.00
Restoration of Land Records	4,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Special Projects - Town Office	13,600.00	0.00	10,000.00
Postage Town Clerk/Treasurer/Listers	1,433.00	2,035.43	1,500.00
Equipment	250.00	200.00	250.00
Internet	700.00	972.13	1,000.00
Computer Expense	1,500.00	897.06	1,000.00
Lister Computer Supplies	500.00	0.00	
New Camera/GPS Unit(listers)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Training (Town Clerk)	200.00	107.50	100.00
Training (Asst. TC Clerk)	200.00	27.50	100.00
Training (Town Treasurer)	200.00	132.50	100.00
Training (Asst. TC Treasurer)	200.00	132.50	100.00
Training Listers	4,871.00	450.00	
Service Support/licensing	3,000.00	2,601.23	3,000.00
Advertising	1,500.00	2,422.19	2,000.00
Building Maintenance	6,000.00	12,251.91	13,000.00
TH Maintenance-Mowing	200.00	259.00	200.00
HAVA expense		1,535.39	
Heating Fuel	20,000.00	17,898.49	20,000.00
Water	1,200.00	1,140.00	1,200.00
Town Reports	2,000.00	2,096.00	2,000.00
Contracted Services/Cleaning	10,000.00	8,450.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>86,129.00</b>	<b>66,198.57</b>	<b>80,425.00</b>
<b>Total General Gov't Expenses</b>	<b>325,434.00</b>	<b>289,820.09</b>	<b>294,806.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>			
Waste Transfer Salaries	5,500.00	5,700.04	5,500.00
Gas for Compactor		99.16	100.00
Repairs & Maint.	5,000.00	2,604.53	2,000.00
compactor purchase and installation		-25.00	
Contracted Services	1,700.00	1,424.00	1,700.00
Recycling: Cont. Services	2,000.00	1,751.97	3,000.00
Trash Removal	30,000.00	28,168.28	29,500.00
Supplies	200.00	263.30	200.00
Heating Fuel		221.08	300.00
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>44,400.00</b>	<b>40,207.36</b>	<b>42,300.00</b>

## Town of Peacham Expenses

	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009
<b>FIRE &amp; SAFETY EXPENSES</b>			
Fire Dept. Salaries	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Warden: Salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00
Dues & Fees	400.00	1,003.64	400.00
Fire Dept. Mileage	200.00	60.60	200.00
Supplies	600.00	519.80	600.00
Gas	500.00	432.18	500.00
Medical Supplies/equip	700.00	227.26	700.00
Hepatitis B Shots	200.00	228.00	200.00
Fire Equipment	6,000.00	6,422.92	6,000.00
Hydrant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Warden Repairs & Mai	200.00	0.00	200.00
Law Enforcement	10,000.00	12,620.50	10,000.00
Contr. To Fire Cap. Equip	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contr. To Fire Warden Cap.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Sta. Note: Princ.	18,333.00	18,333.00	18,333.00
Fire Sta. Note: Interest	3,000.00	2,347.67	3,000.00
Fire Truck Lease	26,801.00	26,800.72	26,801.00
Fire Dept. Training	1,000.00	180.00	1,000.00
24-hour Contract	2,952.00	3,225.00	2,952.00
Repairs & Maint. Equip.	7,500.00	3,642.92	7,500.00
Repairs & Maint. Bldg.	3,500.00	2,644.06	3,500.00
<b>Total Fire &amp; Safety Office</b>	<b>83,536.00</b>	<b>79,338.27</b>	<b>83,536.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>453,370.00</b>	<b>409,365.72</b>	<b>420,642.00</b>
<b>ROADS</b>			
<b>PAYROLL</b>			
Road Dept. Salaries	99,000.00	114,822.40	112,000.00
Road Dept. FICA/medical	7,000.00	8,309.08	8,000.00
Road Crew Unemployment		0.00	
Road Crew Worker's Comp		0.00	
Roads Dept. Health Ins.	45,463.00	48,933.12	27,500.00
<b>Total Roads Payroll</b>	<b>151,463.00</b>	<b>172,064.60</b>	<b>147,500.00</b>
<b>ROAD EXPENSES</b>			
VMHA Dues	10.00	10.00	10.00
Gas, Oil, Diesel	40,000.00	49,655.69	53,000.00
Tires	4,750.00	5,014.16	4,750.00
Radios	1,000.00	710.50	1,000.00
Town Truck Leases**	38,000.00	37,504.42	38,000.00
Contrbntn to Retreatment Reserve	20,000.00	2,000.00	20,000.00
Contrbntn to Road Cap Equip Reserve	2,000.00	20,000.00	2,000.00
Contrbntn to Bridge Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Road Expenses</b>	<b>107,760.00</b>	<b>116,894.77</b>	<b>120,760.00</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGE</b>			
Equip:repairs/supplies	30,000.00	49,576.50	43,000.00
Other Benefits	4,500.00	3,428.28	3,500.00
Training	500.00	145.00	300.00
Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	10,000.00	5,463.95	6,000.00
Office Supplies		194.08	100.00
Tools		431.82	500.00
<b>Total Town Garage</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>	<b>59,239.63</b>	<b>53,400.00</b>

## Town of Peacham Expenses

	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Budget FY 2009
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>			
Contracted Services	22,000.00	80,179.73	12,000.00
Contracted- Rdside mowing	5,000.00	4,981.60	5,000.00
Equipment Rental	1,500.00	-28.60	500.00
Culverts	5,000.00	5,577.00	5,000.00
Dust Control	17,500.00	12,171.00	13,000.00
Gravel, Crushed Stone	42,000.00	120,901.48	42,000.00
Salt	24,000.00	21,871.21	24,000.00
Winter Sand	24,000.00	38,605.75	35,000.00
Signs	2,000.00	1,025.50	2,000.00
Guard Rails	7,500.00	7,261.00	5,000.00
Supplies		2,766.16	2,000.00
<b>Total Road Maintenance</b>	<b>150,500.00</b>	<b>295,311.83</b>	<b>145,500.00</b>
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>454,723.00</b>	<b>643,510.83</b>	<b>467,160.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>			
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>453,370.00</b>	<b>409,365.72</b>	<b>420,642.00</b>
<b>Road Expenses</b>	<b>454,723.00</b>	<b>643,510.83</b>	<b>467,160.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>908,093.00</b>	<b>1,052,876.55</b>	<b>887,802.00</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Adult Basic Ed/NEK Learn	200.00	200.00	250.00
Area Agency On Aging	600.00	600.00	660.00
Cabot Ambulance	500.00	500.00	500.00
Cal. Home Health & Hospice	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Danville Rescue	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fairbanks Museum	380.00	380.00	650.00
Nek Human Services	698.00	698.00	698.00
Nek Youth Services	500.00	500.00	500.00
Peacham Fire District 1	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Peacham Library	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
RCT			250.00
Umbrella	500.00	500.00	500.00
Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00
Danville Senior Action CENTER	400.00	400.00	300.00
West Danville Community Club (beach)	500.00	500.00	500.00
VT. Assn. For The Blind	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>18,778.00</b>	<b>18,778.00</b>	<b>19,808.00</b>

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Budget FY 2008</b>	<b>Budget FY 2009</b>
General Expenses	453,370.00	420,642.00
General Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	111,350.00	76,350.00
State Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	90,200.00	83,200.00
General Expenses to be Raised by Taxes	251,820.00	261,092.00
Road Expenses	454,723.00	467,160.00
Sources of Funds:***		
Road Capital Equipment Fund for Truck Lease	25,000.00	25,000.00
Road Revenue (see full revenue sheet for details)	117,500.00	114,000.00
Road Revenue Carry Over		
Road Expenses to be Raised by Taxes	312,223.00	328,160.00
<b>Total Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>564,043.00</b>	<b>589,252.00</b>

### Inventory of Real Estate (Value on 12/31/2008)

<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
Fire House, Roller, Common	146,300.00
Town Forest	90,000.00
Garage and Salt Shed	81,300.00
Town Hall	111,500.00
Transfer Station	33,400.00
Cemetery G	99,800.00
Luther Fletcher Parker Field	41,000.00
3.3 acres behind Peacham Historical House (from VLT)	36,600.00
Old Cemetery	20,200.00
Worcester Cemetery	12,400.00
Town Line Cemetery (Peacham/Groton)	8,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$681,300.00</b>

# Inventory of Peacham Equipment (Value on 12/31/2008)

		Purchase year	Lifespan (years)	% used	Cost to replace	Annual reserve	Suggested reserve to date
<b>Highway</b>							
2007 International truck with plow and wing		2007	10	20%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
2006 Ford Ranger pickup	\$ 17,000.00	2006	10	30%	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
2003 International truck with plow and wing	\$ 87,500.00	2003	7	86%	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 20,714.29	\$ 124,285.71
2003 International truck with plow and wing	\$ 87,500.00	2003	7	86%	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 20,714.29	\$ 124,285.71
1995 International truck with plow and wing	\$ 12,000.00	1995	10	140%	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 196,000.00
1992 John Deere backhoe	\$ 24,000.00	1992	20	85%	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
1998 John Deere 544H loader	\$ 75,000.00	1998	15	73%	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 6,666.67	\$ 73,333.33
1977 Ford tanker	\$ 2,500.00	1977	35	91%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 571.43	\$ 18,285.71
York rake	\$ 1,500.00	1960	55	89%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 218.18	\$ 10,690.91
1985 Caterpillar grader with wing	\$ 76,000.00	1985	25	96%	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
Culvert thawing rig, with trailer	\$ 1,500.00	1998	12	92%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 416.67	\$ 4,583.33
Chloride tank (750 gallon)	\$ 750.00	1998	10	110%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,320.00
Chloride tank (2500 gallon)	\$ 2,200.00	2000	15	60%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,800.00
1999 Vermeer brush chipper	\$ 7,500.00	1999	15	67%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,000.00
6000 gallon diesel fuel tank and pump	\$ 7,000.00	1993		0%		\$ -	\$ -
2008 Titan 8000 generator	\$ 2,500.00	2008					
2008 Honda water pump	\$ 1,500.00	2008					
Lincoln welder	\$ 800.00	1988					
AgriMetal bale chopper	\$ 3,500.00	2004	10	50%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,750.00
<b>Totals</b>						<b>\$ 101,671.52</b>	<b>\$ 1,031,834.72</b>
<b>Office</b>							
Copier		2007	8	25%	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,100.00
Server PC		2005	5	80%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,400.00
Desktop PC		2004	5	100%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,200.00
Laptop PC		2005	5	80%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00
Printer		2005	3	133%	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
<b>Totals</b>						<b>\$ 1,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,300.00</b>
<b>Lister</b>							
Desktop PC		2008	5	20%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
Laptop PC		2004	5	100%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00
Printer		2005	3	133%	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
<b>Totals</b>						<b>\$ 640.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,140.00</b>

**Town of Peacham  
Employee Compensation 2008**

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Gross Wages</b>	<b>FICA, Medicare &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bell, Ronald	\$ 29,190.93	\$ 13,315.24	\$ 42,506.17
Berwick, Jeff	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 538.25
Blair, Richard	\$ 5,800.04	\$ 443.86	\$ 6,243.90
Browne, Richard	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 538.25
Buick, Homer	\$ 32,206.90	\$ 13,645.87	\$ 45,852.77
Chase, Mark	\$ 40,428.32	\$ 14,872.96	\$ 55,301.28
Cochran, Robert	\$ 702.00	\$ 53.70	\$ 755.70
Davis, Donald	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 538.25
Eastman, Jan	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 538.25
Fickes, Stanley	\$ 20,767.73	\$ 1,588.73	\$ 22,356.46
Guertin, Jo	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 538.25
Hansen, W. Robert	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 172.12	\$ 2,422.12
Hebebrand, Edward	\$ 724.50	\$ 55.41	\$ 779.91
Jejer, Philip	\$ 40,348.03	\$ 14,268.72	\$ 54,616.75
Jensen, Rebecca	\$ 12,429.01	\$ 950.83	\$ 13,379.84
Kempton, Julie	\$ 10,452.50	\$ 799.64	\$ 11,252.14
Lafferty, E. Bruce	\$ 32,689.85	\$ 2,500.74	\$ 35,190.59
McDonnell, Sharon	\$ 50.00	\$ 3.83	\$ 53.83
McKay, Timothy	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 538.25
Monteith, Neil	\$ 150.00	\$ 11.48	\$ 161.48
Polzer, Andrew	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 391.70	\$ 5,511.70
Sheehan, John	\$ 3,828.55	\$ 292.90	\$ 4,121.45
Smith, Robert	\$ 6,349.75	\$ 485.80	\$ 6,835.55
Stevenson, Cheryl	\$ 2,462.25	\$ 188.36	\$ 2,650.61
Swenson, Gary	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 538.25
Szendrey, Kirsten	\$ 6,603.00	\$ 505.13	\$ 7,108.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 256,053.36</b>	<b>\$ 64,814.77</b>	<b>\$ 320,868.13</b>

**Additional Group Benefits**

Workers Comp	\$ 6,948.65	\$ 6,948.65
Unemployment	\$ 3,060.00	\$ 3,060.00
Road Crew Uniforms	\$ 3,732.73	\$ 3,732.73
<b>Total Additional Group Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 13,741.38</b>	<b>\$ 13,741.38</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 256,053.36</b>	<b>\$ 78,556.15</b>	<b>\$ 334,609.51</b>
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## **PEACHAM SELECTBOARD REPORT 2008**

In the summer of 2008 the Town's roads were damaged in several areas by flooding that developed as the result of intense rainstorms. The most severe damage occurred on County Road where a large portion of the road was washed away when a beaver dam gave way on Mud Pond. Other substantial damage occurred to Macks Mountain Road as well as to culverts under Penny and Ha'Penny streets. The areas of flood damage were repaired during the summer roadwork season except for the Penny Street and Ha'Penny Street culverts. The Town was able to recover a substantial portion of the costs of these repairs (over \$240,000) from grants from the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the Vermont Agency of Transportation. The repairs to the Penny Street and Ha'Penny Street culverts will be made in 2009.

In 2008 the Selectboard again considered the appropriate size and structure of the Road Department given a difficult budget projections. After evaluating several alternatives the Selectboard decide to eliminate the position of Administrative Assistant and thereby reduce the number of full-time employees in the Road department to three. Administrative functions not directly related to operations, such as grant writing, will now be performed by the Selectboard. Mark Chase was named Road Foreman and will supervise the Road department.

Town operations for 2009 are expected to be a continuation of the 2008 level of activity. The Town's expense budget for 2009 is about two and one-half percent less than the 2008 budget. The major road projects will involve the replacement of the Penny Street and Ha'Penny Street culverts, and possibly the replacement of a major culvert on the Green Bay Loop draining Martin's Pond. No significant equipment acquisitions are planned. The Town will continue to incur significant expense as the Town-wide reappraisal project continues.

Based on information received from the Town Treasurer and Auditors it appears, as of the date of this Report, that the Town will have Surplus Government Funds as of December 31, 2008. Under state law this surplus must be allocated by the voters to specific purposes or applied as revenue to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes in 2009. The Warning for the 2009 Town Meeting contains proposed purposes for the funds.

We continue to appreciate the contributions by so many members of our community. There are many opportunities to become involved in Town activities. We invite all who are interested to do so.

Peacham Selectboard.

January 23, 2009



## **Report from the Administrative Assistant, 2008**

The year of 2008 kept the road crew very busy. Record snowfall and winter storms proved to be a challenge for the road department. Maintenance of the roads was a daily event throughout the winter season.

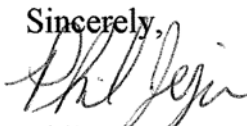
In March of 2008 the town took delivery of a new 4200 International dump truck. This replaced the aging 2000 Ford F550 truck. This truck is much more suitable for maintaining the village roads and parking lots during winter months. Also in warmer weather it became very functional for towing the chipper and mulcher for roadside maintenance.

In Late July and early August the town experienced severe flooding due to consistent heavy rains. Governor Mattocks Rd, Mack Mountain Rd. received the most damage, with the intersection of Governor Mattocks and County Rd. being totally washed away. Working with our own road crew, the Vermont AOT, local contractors and FEMA the town was able to repair and improve the quality of these roads along with six other sites that were damaged by the 2008 flooding.

At the 12-03-08 Selectboard Meeting, the selectboard decided to eliminate the position of the Administrative Assistant, a position that I held for 5 years. I am very proud of what I accomplished during my tenure with the Town of Peacham. During my time as Administrative Assistant I applied and received more than \$525,000 in road improvement grants. In 2008 alone, the town received approximately \$240,000 to help cope with the added expense of repairing our roads due to flooding. Without these grants the towns' road budget would have been significantly over budget.

Over the past 5 years it has been my pleasure to work for the taxpayers of Peacham. I would like to thank all of you for your support during that time.

Sincerely,



Phil Jejer

## **Economic Committee Report**

The Town's Economic Committee was formed by the Selectboard in 2006 to look for technical and financial assistance to implement various elements of the Village Planning Report. Residents are invited to participate and contribute. Among the successes in 2008 were the following:

- Securing a planning advance from the State of Vermont for a septic study of the village to meet future needs;
- Being included, through NVDA, in a broader effort to find practical waste water solutions for small towns;
- Developing a Vision for 2020 for Peacham Village, examining housing, town offices, various organizations' space needs, recreational and town meeting facilities, and associated infrastructure needs (i.e., water, sewage, electrical service, drainage and roads)
- Meeting with Regional, State and Congressional staff to inform these important outside agencies of Peacham's plans for the future and to seek advice and perhaps eventual support in implementation;
- Hosting a community meeting in October 2008 to present draft ideas for taking Peacham from the present to the year 2020 – this was accompanied by the Powerpoint presentation developed by the Economic Committee;
- Receiving a small grant from the Smart Growth Collaborative to cover incidental expenses related to Village planning work.

An outgrowth of this effort has been a volunteer group of Collaborators who have been meeting regularly to coordinate efforts among several groups in town working toward future goals. Collaborators include the Town, Peacham School, Peacham Historical Association, Peacham Community Housing, Peacham Library, Fire District No. 1, Northeast Kingdom Astronomy Foundation. The Collaborators are examining a number of related community projects including improvements to the library, senior housing, and town offices, a possible new community center, new space for the Peacham Historical Association, and the rehabilitation of the town's roller barn (and a replica roller). Interested citizens are welcome and should contact any one of the Collaborators.

Submitted by Economic Committee Members

Charles Browne  
Barry Lawson  
Tim McKay  
Gib Parrish  
Mary Ellen Reis

## Peacham Listers Report2008

Knock, knock.

“Hi, we’re the Peacham Listers here to view your house as part of the town-wide reappraisal.”

We’ve repeated that introduction at over 300 properties this last year. Sometimes we have appointments, other times we don’t. Always, we’ve sent out postcards or letters telling property owners that we will be out viewing in their neighborhood before we start knocking on doors. There are always at least two elected Listers with identification viewing a property.

We are frequently asked

- How long it will take? *Interior inspections take about 15-30 minutes depending on the complexity of the house and whether we have measurements of the second floor and the basement.*
- Are sales prices falling in Peacham? *Not that we’ve seen. The state’s study looks at sales over a three year period and is generally on the optimistic side. Our sales prices this year, however, support what the state study has found—that our property values are about 65% of the sales price.*
- Why do you need to view the house, I haven’t changed anything since the last reappraisal. *Frequently our cards are incomplete, we don’t have second floor or basement measurements. We also have new sheets that help us describe all properties in terms of quality of construction and condition. By viewing everyone and filling out the sheets we know that all properties have been assessed in the same way.*
- Are you going to raise my taxes? *We don’t control the taxes, we just put a value on your property. You control your taxes by voting on budgets at Town Meeting in March.*
- This must be a hard job. *Actually, everyone has been really helpful, friendly and cooperative so far.*

Thank you for your cooperation, it is making the reappraisal go very smoothly. When you get your letter, please call (592-3011) or email ([top.listers@gmail.com](mailto:top.listers@gmail.com)) us to make an appointment, or we’ll just stop by unannounced. If you have any questions, please contact us, we’re happy to explain the process and tell you how we valued your property. And finally, when you get your new valuation in June (yes, we will be done in time for the 2009 Grand List), feel free to come talk to us before grievances so we can explain your valuation.

Becky Jensen

Julie Kempton

Kirsten Szendrey

## **Peacham Fire Department Annual Report 2008**

The Peacham Fire Department responded to a total of 49 emergency responses in 2008. The breakdown of responses includes: 11 in-town fire calls and fire related emergencies, 29 in-town medical emergencies, and 9 out of town mutual aid calls.

Congratulations to Mark Fitzhugh for completing the EMT-B level of medical training in 2008. Two members joined the department in 2008. We welcome Adam King and Kayla Kubicke as new members. As you may know, all members of the Peacham Fire Department are volunteers.

This last year has been busy. The main project has been the finalization of the purchase and putting the new rescue truck into service. More details can be found in the medical response report. Medical emergencies continue to outnumber all other types of emergency responses for the department.

The annual participation in the Fourth of July events was a great success again this year. It is proving to be a good time for fellow firefighters to get together and have some less stressful fun and camaraderie.

Training in the fire department continues to be our main focus. We spend at least two Monday nights a month on firefighting or emergency medical training. This usually includes at a few mock drills with injured patients, low angle rescues, and ice and cold water rescues.

### **Calls in Peacham (by type):**

Structure fires: 1

Other interior fires: 1

Alarm Activations and false alarms: 3

Power lines down: 2

Service Calls: 3

HAZMAT leaks / Investigations / Hazardous Conditions: 1

Medical emergencies (including vehicle accidents with injuries): 29

Total calls in Peacham\* 40

\*For emergencies located in Peacham, the Peacham Fire Department received mutual aid assistance 2 times from neighboring departments.

### **Calls NOT in Peacham**

Mutual aid given (fire): (Danville 3, Groton 1, Walden 1) 5

Mutual aid given (medical) Barnet 3, Groton 1

Total calls Not in Peacham: 9

**TOTAL CALLS IN 2008: 49**

**List of Officers:**

Jeffrey Berwick, Fire Chief (ECA)  
William Thresher, Assist. Fire Chief  
Chip Deasy, Captain (EMT-B)  
Aaron Morton, Captain

**List of Members:**

Cody Berwick, FF	Diana Senturia, SS
Barry Hayes, FF	Adam King, FF
Kathy Corcoran, EMT-	Jerry Senturia, EMT-B
Neil Monteith, FF	Kayla Kubicke, EMT-B
Peter Craig, FF	Denise Walsh, FF
Rodney Reis, FF	Richard Greenwood, FF
Mark Fitzhugh, FF, EMT-B	Mike Walsh, FF, EMT-B

SS= Support Specialist

FF= Firefighter

ECA= Emergency Care Attendant

EMT-B= Emergency Medical Technician- Basic

If you are interested in assisting the fire department in any way, or if you are interested in becoming a new member or a department supporter, please do not hesitate to contact me. The department meets every Monday evening for a meeting or training session.

I urge anyone who has an emergency, whether it is a Fire, Police or Medical emergency to call 911 immediately. The non-emergency telephone number for the Peacham Fire Station is 592-3392. This phone is only answered when firefighters are present responding to an emergency or during training.

**Thank you for your support.**

Jeffrey Berwick, Chief

## **Peacham Volunteer Fire Department Accounts 2008**

### **INCOME**

Interest	\$13.95
Donation-Fire	\$1,070.00
Donations-Medical	\$135.00
Reimbursements	\$2,300.00
T-shirts	<u>\$148.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,666.95</b>

### **EXPENSES**

Office Supplies	\$93.00
Computer	
Personnel Equipment	
Supplies	
Maintenance	\$174.00
Training	\$240.00
Beverages/Refreshments	\$39.42
Equipment	\$3,202.26
Donation	\$70.00
Medical Equipment/Supplies	\$1,016.34
CPR	
T-shirts	<u>\$490.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,325.02</b>

## **Fire Warden Report 2008**

In 2008, 86 burn permits were issued, 1 complaint was investigated and 1 non-permitted burn was investigated that was reported to the Cabot fire department. There were no wild land fires reported in Peacham during 2008.

A burn permit is required by state statute to burn natural wood and brush unless there is snow on the ground at the site of the burn. This may or may not require someone to inspect the site before issuing a permit. You MAY burn construction or demolition debris but you will need to request an air pollution permit from the Air Pollution Division of the Agency of Natural Resources. Please plan ahead as it will take time to request this permit. The phone number is 802-241-3840. This is wood only and you cannot burn, plywood, treated wood, painted wood, and other hazardous materials mixed with the debris.

To request a burn permit please call me or Richard Greenwood. Our phone numbers are listed below and will be posted around town. Please do not call the Fire Chief. He will only give you our phone numbers to request a burn permit. Please plan ahead. We may not always be available when you would like to burn.

If you have any questions, please call one of us.

To report any type of fire, call 911.

Neil Monteith, Fire Warden, 684-2165

Key Personnel, Richard Greenwood, 684-3170

## **Medical Response Report for the Year 2008**

In the year 2008, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department responded to 33 medical calls, this included 1 motor vehicle collision with injuries and 4 out of town, medical mutual aid calls. Our medically trained personnel also provided services at fires in Peacham and at mutual aid fire calls.

We have been very happy with the community reaction to our Emergency Medical Response program. We were honored that some families felt that we merited contributions in memory of their loved ones.

At the 2008 Town Meeting we presented our choice for a new rescue vehicle. It is a 1996 Chevrolet 3500 with an 11 foot rescue body manufactured by EVI of Florida. We purchased this vehicle from the Chatham, Illinois Fire District through auction at a price considerably less than authorized by the voters at the 2007 Town Meeting. At the 2008 Town Meeting, voters approved \$15,000 to update, repair and refurbish the new rescue truck. The new "Rescue 1" was put in service in late June of 2008 and has been used on every medical call and all in-town fire calls since then. Rescue 1 carries all of our medical equipment, ice rescue and rope rescue equipment, traffic control equipment and more of the specialized equipment than we were able to carry on the old vehicle. Thank you for a "new" and much safer and more useful rescue vehicle.

This year we are fortunate to have six members trained as EMS medical first responders. Mark Fitzhugh completed certification for EMT-B. Mike Walsh has been taking advanced EMT training. Three of our members are trained as CPR instructors. Again, we thank you for your continuing generosity which allows us to be well-equipped and well-trained. You should not be surprised to hear that your fire department is well respected among the other EMS agencies of the Northeast Kingdom.

People still ask us if the medical calls we respond to are serious. We respond to calls that challenge us in many ways, for the person who requests our services they are all serious. If you wake up at 3AM with chest pains, if you are bleeding profusely, if you have a serious burn, if you have a severe allergic reaction, if you fall down the stairs, if you are having difficulty breathing, if you are having trouble maintaining consciousness, the call is serious for you. As with a fire call, we would much rather you call 911 as soon as you become aware of the emergency medical condition, than ponder whether the call is "serious".

We can't help you if we can't find you. Please display your 911-house number. It should be visible from the road both day and night. We would also like you to consider keeping a list of your current medications and any chronic medical/surgical problems you have in a "Vial of Life". This can be kept in a sealed envelope on your refrigerator. This will help us if we are called to assist you and you cannot remember specific information or you cannot communicate with us. For more information on house numbers and the "Vial of Life", visit the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department on the web at <http://www.peacham.net/fire>.

If you are interested in taking a CPR course, contact Fire Chief Berwick or me. Also, if you are interested in obtaining Emergency Medical Training and/or Fire Training and becoming part of the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Berwick.

Jerry Senturia

Secretary, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department



## **Peacham Emergency Management Report 2008**

Emergency management is concerned with preparing and planning for disastrous emergencies, responding to these emergencies, recovering from these emergencies, and providing mitigation to reduce the impact of future disastrous emergencies. The Peacham Rapid Response Team consists of the Chair of the Selectboard, Fire Chief, Town Clerk, Road Foreman, the Chair of the Listers and the Emergency Management Coordinator. In the event of a disastrous emergency that group would be responsible for reacting to, recovering from and documenting the costs of a disastrous emergency.

This summer we had rain storms which challenged our town. We recovered well and our Administrative Assistant (Phil Jejer) documented the costs and filed the appropriate documents with FEMA to secure reimbursements for the expenses the town incurred cleaning up from the storm.

Peacham Elementary School is our primary Red Cross designated emergency shelter. We are still asking businesses and government in Peacham to plan for “continuity of operations”. Know who can replace you in your job. Know where the backup copies of all computer data are located. Also determine who can authorize and who can sign checks so that workers and vendors can get paid. The Town Clerk’s office has made progress in continuity of operations.

As residents of Peacham, you should be prepared to be self sufficient for the first 72 hours of a disastrous emergency. There are a number of steps you can take to reduce the impact of such an emergency. In Peacham, emergencies are often accompanied by loss of electrical power and failure of heating systems. You might consider a gasoline generator or some other alternative electric power source for emergencies. If you do install such a generator, it should be installed by a licensed electrician to prevent danger to you and to power company workers. It should also be installed in a well ventilated place to avoid death by carbon monoxide inhalation. Consider an alternative heating source to supplement your regular heating system. You should have a 3 day supply of food, water and essential supplies. Please look at the Vermont Family Preparedness Workbook available in the Peacham Town Clerk’s office or online at <http://www.peacham.net> click “Town Clerk” and then select “Documents and Applications for Download”. At the same web location, there are other documents to help you in your efforts to prepare for an emergency. Thank you for your preparedness.

Jerry Senturia, Emergency Management Coordinator, Town of Peacham

## **Peacham Cemetery Annual Report 2008**

The work camp crew continued to keep the cemetery looking beautiful, and the fence line was cleared and painted this year.

This coming year the foundation of the building needs to be replaced and the main road into the cemetery should be treated. I am also in the planning stages of a website for the cemetery.

With the kindness of someone donating fence posts, and a volunteer performing the labor, the fence at the old cemetery is looking great. The Veterans' monument committee plans to have the monument erected in the spring.

Ron Craig continues to a nice job of handling burials for the cemetery.

Cheryl Stevenson, Sexton

### **Cemetery Report 2008**

Cemetery Sexton Cheryl Stevenson in her report has presented a thorough review of 2008 cemetery activities.

The Sextons have continued to maintain the cemetery property and organize all daily activities. They have also worked closely with the Tree Committee in developing present and future cemetery proposals. The long term plans have yet to be finalized but have been presented to the public and reviewed.

The funds for maintaining the cemetery continue to come from two main sources, the dividends generated by the Restricted Investment Funds at Wachovia Securities and the money allocated in the yearly budget by the taxpayers. The Certificates of Deposit held at the Passumpsic Savings Bank continue to earn interest that contributes to the operating account.

As Treasurer of the Peacham Cemeteries I can assure you that these funds are securely invested.

Finally there were 6 plots purchased this year.

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|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Lawrence Welch          | \$400.00  |           |
| 2. Frank S. Miller         | \$2000.00 | (2 plots) |
| 3. Beverly M. Brown        | \$2000.00 |           |
| 4. Diana & Jerome Senturia | \$400.00  |           |
| 5. Gary Swenson            | \$400.00  |           |

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk/ Treasurer

## Cemetery Financials – December 31, 2007

### ASSET

Passumpsic Savings – Operating	8,294.37
Passumpsic 12-month CD #1510	7,889.26
Passumpsic 12-month CD #1511	7,892.20
Restricted Investment Funds	66,721.19
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>\$ 90,797.19</b>

### LIABILITY

Restricted Investment Funds	66,721.19
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>\$ 66,721.19</b>

### CEMETERY REVENUES

	<b>Budget- 2008</b>	<b>Actual- 2008</b>	<b>Budget- 2009</b>
Cemetery Plots	0	5,200.00	0
Corner Markers	0	415.00	0
Davis Lease	0	100.00	100
Town Appropriation	6,000	6,000.00	6,000
Interest on Investments	0	660.60	0
Dividends	0	4499.51	4,500
Public Donations	0	155.00	0
Grant Revenue		4,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,030.11</b>	<b>\$ 10,600</b>

### CEMETERY EXPENSES

	<b>Budget- 2008</b>	<b>Actual- 2008</b>	<b>Budget- 2009</b>
Salaries	0	2,462.45	0
Cemetery Fica/Med	0	188.36	0
Mileage	0	60.60	0
Supplies	0	130.80	0
Fuel	0	180.84	0
Repairs	0	135.09	0
Contracted Services	0	11,090.90	0
Cemetery Improvements	0	1,650.00	0
Misc. Expense	0	600.25	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 16,499.29</b>	<b>0</b>

## Application for Purchase of a Lot in Peacham Cemetery

### ***ELIGIBILITY AND CHARGES FOR INTERMENT IN PEACHAM HILL CEMETERY***

#### I. Persons who may purchase grave sites:

**Residents of Peacham:** Residents are persons who are eligible to vote in Peacham.

1. Cost of a two-grave lot is \$400.00.
2. A set of four stone corner markers is required and may be purchased from the Town of Peacham for \$75.00.
3. Charges for burial services are determined periodically by the Town of Peacham and apply at the time the services are rendered. The current charges are included in the Town's Cemetery Regulations and are available from the Sexton or the Town Clerk.
4. Other burial expenses are the responsibility of purchaser or of the estate.

**Non-residents:** Nonresidents are persons who own property but are not eligible to vote in Peacham.

1. Cost of a two-grave lot is \$1000.00.
2. A set of four stone corner markers is required and may be purchased from the Town of Peacham for \$75.00.
3. Charges for burial services are determined periodically by the Town of Peacham and apply at the time the services are rendered. The current charges are included in the Town's Cemetery Regulations and are available from the Sexton or the Town Clerk.
4. Other burial expenses are the responsibility of purchaser or of the estate.

**Non-residents/non-property owners:** These persons must have a parent, child, spouse, civil union partner, or sibling already interred in Peacham Cemetery and must be approved by the Peacham Selectboard.

1. Cost of a two-grave lot is \$2000.00.
2. A set of four stone corner markers is required and may be purchased from the Town of Peacham for \$75.00.
3. Charges for burial services are determined periodically by the Town of Peacham and apply at the time the services are rendered. The current charges are included in the Town's Cemetery Regulations and are available from the Sexton or the Town Clerk.
4. Other burial expenses are the responsibility of purchaser or of the estate

#### II. Persons who may be interred:

Persons who may be interred in the Town of Peacham cemeteries are persons who own a gravesite and their parents, children, spouses, civil union partners, siblings, and such other persons who may be approved by the Selectboard.

The number of interments that may be made in a single gravesite is set forth in the Town of Peacham Cemetery regulations.

***A Peacham Cemetery Endowment for Perpetual Care exists. Income only from the endowment may be expended for the care, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, improvement, and beautification, or other cemetery operations, and is subject to any further restrictions in any instruments of gift. All purchasers who wish to make a voluntary donation to the endowment may do so in addition to the cost of the lot.***

## **Peacham Fire District No. 1 Prudential Committee Report 2008**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Peacham Library, February 12, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. The proposed budget was approved, and water rent was increased to \$380.00 per year. The Village tax rate was voted at 8% of the 2007 Grand List. The members authorized the Prudential Committee to borrow up to 50% of anticipated revenue. Betsy Smith was elected for a 1-year term as secretary; Diana Senturia was re-elected for a 1-year term as treasurer; Phoebe Cobb was elected for a 1-year term as examiner; and Larry Jensen was re-elected for a 3-year term as a voting member of the Prudential Committee.

The Fire District is in sound financial condition after a couple of “rocky” years.

The annual village picnic was held in August at the Peacham Elementary School playground.

We wish to thank the Peacham Town Road Crew, which has plowed snow to provide access to the reservoir and control shed during the winter months. They have also helped us after the severe rain storms this past summer.

We also thank the Peacham Library for providing time and space for our annual and monthly meetings.

From the Water Operator’s point of view, 2008 was another “interesting” year!

- We delivered clean, safe water to the Village with few interruptions. A leak at the pressure reduction valve on Church Street that was identified and fixed at mid-year required a short shutdown of the pipeline.
- We passed all monthly and annual quality tests required by the State.
- We received a “Reporting Violation” from the state for failing to report the results of Synthetic Organic Contaminant (SOC) testing on schedule. The samples were taken as scheduled and the tests were conducted by Endyne Laboratories, whose records indicate they issued a report to both PFD#1 and the State, but the State did not have a copy of the report in its files. We sent a copy of PFD#1’s report to resolve the issue.
- Our monitoring and control equipment at the Control Shed has worked flawlessly and the new peristaltic chlorine pump has made operations both simpler and more reliable.
- We produced 3,913,128 gallons of water, which averages over the year to 10,714 gallons per day or 7.44 gallons per minute for the whole village. Our usage was 19% higher than 2007. For each of our 57 water connections, that averages to 68,651 gallons per year or about 188 gallons per day.
- We received a “Notice of Alleged Violation” from the state for operating without a certified operator since July 1, 2008. It appears that, after completing the training requirements for re-certification, the Water Operator failed to submit the form requesting re-certification, and his certification lapsed. This came to our attention in early December, the omitted paperwork was quickly submitted, and we now await the State’s decision on how to fully resolve this matter.

Finally, a reminder that prompt payment of your Water Rent and Village Tax bills will help us avoid borrowing funds to cover our loan payments, due Feb 25 & Aug 25, 2009, and operating expenses.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by the Prudential Committee,

Jerry Senturia

Larry Jensen

Gib Parrish

# Peacham Fire District #1

## BUDGET 2008 [57 users]

8%Village Tax \$380 Water User Fe

Category Name	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Interest Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 48.88
Village Tax		
Taxes	\$ 5,348.56	\$ 5,251.28
Delinquent Fees and Penalties	\$ 10.00	\$ 18.96
Water Rent		
Water Rents	\$ 21,660.00	\$ 21,045.70
Service Charge (Time Payment Plan)	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.00
Delinquent Fees and Penalties	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.39
Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
No Interest Loan		
Voluntary Contributions	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,140.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 30,613.56</b>	<b>\$ 30,029.21</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration		
Advertising Annual Meeting & Sale	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.63
Bank Service Charge	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.60
Dues(VT League of Cities/Towns)	\$ 400.00	\$ 390.00
Duplicating	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Filing Fee	\$ 0.00	\$ 8.00
Insurance(VTLCT Fire, Liability & Bonding)	\$ 800.00	\$ 699.00
Paper Supplies and Software	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00
Postage	\$ 75.00	\$ 82.00
Prudential Committee & Staff Annual Stipends	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Telephone @ Control Building	\$ 400.00	\$ 325.89
Electricity		
GMP-Electricity (Street Lighting)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,346.99
Washington Electric Coop (Pumps and Controls)	\$ 500.00	\$ 351.87
Training	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00
Village Activities		
Holiday Tree	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Mowing Triangle	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Village Picnic	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Water Quality		
Chemicals	\$ 150.00	\$ 0.00
Testing (Vermont Department of Health)	\$ 450.00	\$ 650.00
Water System		
Land Record Research and Survey	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Loan Payment	\$14,830.00	\$14,830.00
Vermont Rural Water Association	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Operating Fee (State of Vermont)	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.41
Propane @ Control Building	\$ 150.00	\$ 140.30
Operating Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
Operating Equipment	\$ 750.00	\$ 0.00
Repairs		
Electrical/Well Work	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,075.00
Plumbing	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 317.67
Snow Removal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,705.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,094.36</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 30,613.56</b>	<b>\$ 30,029.21</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 4,908.56</b>	<b>\$ 7,934.85</b>

## **Peacham Library 2008 Report**

*I prefer the free public library to most if not any other agency for the happiness and improvement of a community.*

Andrew Carnegie

Peacham Library, founded long before Andrew Carnegie funded libraries around the world, strives to meet the goal of bringing “happiness and improvement” to the Peacham community. We have evolved from our roots in 1810, when we were a subscription library for students at the Peacham Academy. Today we are a free library, offering services to all who enter our doors. We no longer limit ourselves to the books students may require to work on a debate. Today we provide

- a large variety of books, magazines and newspapers
- audio books and courses (on tape, CD, and downloadable)
- movies (both on tape and DVD)
- internet access (on our four machines or on yours with our free WiFi)
- electronic databases (for that hard to find article or genealogical research)
- programs
  - Readers’ Potlucks – relaxed book discussions for adults
  - Tuesday Theatre – movies on a large screen!
  - Summer Reading – crafts, books, and fun for kids (and others!)
  - Vermont Reads – in 2008, lectures and programs on Robert Frost
  - Summer Series – stimulating speakers on interesting subjects
  - Boston Museum of Science – traveling programs for all
  - Santa, Crafts, and Latkes – a holiday celebration
  - Coffee Hour – a Friday morning gathering place to relax, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, fine food and good company
- interlibrary loan (get your books from around the country!)
- meeting space for over 30 different groups
- home delivery (just ask!)
- a friendly, welcoming atmosphere so all feel at home who enter our doors.

All our services are made possible through the generosity of the Peacham community. You make donations, volunteer your time, vote appropriations, visit and use the Library on a regular basis. We thank you for all you do to help us bring the Library and its resources to you, and, in the process, allowing us to bring "happiness and improvement" to all in the community. We look forward to your support, your suggestions, and your advice, as we continue towards the Peacham Library Bicentennial in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Jensen and Cheryl Sauter, Co-Directors

## **Tree Warden Report 2008**

With assistance from the Caledonia County Forester through the Municipal Forest program of the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation, a timber sale was laid out, marked, tallied and sold to a logging contractor. With the approval of the Select Board this sale was sold to Andy Cochran and was administered for the Town through the Municipal Forest program. The sale area consisted of 75 acres. The timber sale generated \$11,197.46 for the town.

I spent several days assisting the Town Trails Committee working on the trails grant locating a trail in the town forest. I am also a member of the Town Tree Board and participated in the spring planting project at the cemetery.

If you have questions about the Town Forest, trees in the town road right of way or trees on other town property, please contact me.

Neil Monteith, Tree Warden, 684-2165

## **Tree Board Report**

2008 was a year of maintenance, growth and recognition for the trees of Peacham.

TreeWorks, Montpelier-based specialists in tree preservation, spent one week in the Peacham cemetery. They trimmed, removed and cabled our beautiful and aging pines and maples that needed attention. A TLC (Trees for Local Communities) matching grant from Vermont Urban and Community Forestry helped to fund the work.

The supposedly Dutch Elm resistance trees that were planted in the Peacham Cemetery in 2005 succumbed to the disease. They were replaced with hardier species of hackberry and oak as part of the community Arbor Day celebration.

On Peacham Fall Foliage day, the board hosted members of the Urban & Community Forestry Council who reviewed the tree board maintenance and planting investments completed in Peacham as well as met with the Peacham Recreational Trail committee.

In 2009, we are hopeful to be recognized as a Tree City USA which should increase our success in future grant writing. There will be no TLC grants this year, but we are asking for town monies to fund ongoing maintenance work in the cemetery and the village.

Submitted by Peacham Tree Board (David Jacobs, Julie Lang, Neil Monteith, Cheryl Stevenson, Marj Swenson; David Stauffer ex-officio)

*To be able to walk under the branches of a tree that you have planted is really to feel you have arrived with your garden. So far we are on the way: we can now stand beside ours.- Mirabel Osler*



## **Peacham Conservation Commission Report 2008**

The Conservation Commission welcomes the public to join our lively and humorous meetings where we plan our input, aid and contributions to helping and coordinating with the various groups serving Peacham. We reviewed and analyzed the twenty year old LESA study to compare changes in land use with an eye toward the new Town Plan. A representative from the Vermont Land Trust spoke to us and in general we usually touch on subjects from alternative energy and crops, town projects, land preservation ideas, invasive species, building and trail rehab ideas and Town Forest improvement. We have a Conservation Fund which may provide financial aid to deserving groups or individuals to further the causes set forth in the Conservation Commission charter and the Conservation Fund principles of use. Look for our displays at Town Meeting, read our guiding mandates for the Town of Peacham, see what our funds may or may not be used for, and attend our meetings to give us direction in aiding the Committees, people, nature and future of Peacham.

David Magnus      Ron Miller  
Anna Rubin – Secretary

George Kempton      Neil Monteith  
David Stauffer – Chair

### **Green Up Day**

Like Earth Day, Green Up Day grew out of the environmental movement of the early 1970's. Thirty-nine years later, Green Up Day is still going strong—a mixture of civic pride, environmental stewardship and old-fashioned spring cleaning. Peacham is one of over 150 Vermont towns to sponsor a Green Up Day. We typically see about 35-40 volunteers, removing litter from most of the town's principal roads. Despite the grubby nature of the activity, it tends to be a rather festive occasion. After a morning of greening up, volunteers gather at the elementary school for a picnic lunch.

Here are the answers to Green Up FAQ's:

- When is Green Up Day? Always the first Saturday in May, this year Saturday May 2 from 9 a.m.-noon.
- How do I sign up? A sign up sheet and town map will be on display in the Post Office foyer about two weeks before Green Up Day, OR you may simply show up at the elementary school any time after 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 to sign up.
- Where do I get bags? Bags will be available by late April, and can be picked up in the Post Office foyer, at the Transfer Station or at the elementary school on Green Up Day.

- Is it safe? We have a number of safety vests to alert drivers. Parents should be vigilant with their children, and make sure everyone wears sturdy shoes or boots, good work gloves and sun screen/waterproof jackets, depending on the day.

Additional questions? Call Jo Anne Post, 592-3221 or David Stauffer, 592-3076.

We would like to invite everyone in Peacham to participate in Green Up Day, even if only for part of the morning. A free cookout lunch is provided at the elementary school at noon. Thank you!

### **Peacham Community Housing Report 2008**

Peacham Community Housing (PCH) had received in late 2007 a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation to begin the work of rehabilitating the Old Town Office, with the eventual aim of reestablishing a village store ( perhaps adding a cafe) where there in times past it had been located. Bids have been received for the initial phase of that work. It is expected that a contract can be awarded in time for the first work to begin in the spring of 2009.

PCH has also taken an active role in the work of the Collaborators' Group of the town's economic committee which is helping lay the groundwork for the town's future development. Housing is an important element of that effort.

The two senior residences, the Science building and the Kinnerson building, have been managed under a 1990s agreement known as the Peacham Housing Partnership. The principal shareholder is Housing Vermont while PCH is the minority partner. The Partnership is due to expire this year and needs to be replaced by a new arrangement, which will be worked on with Housing Vermont over the coming months. In addition PCH will be also collaborating with Housing Vermont in identifying and planning for town housing needs including affordable housing.

Management of the existing properties was taken over toward the end of the year by A.H.E.A.D under a contract with Gilman Housing. The PCH board had the opportunity in late November to meet with two A.H.E.A.D. representatives to review the needs of the residents and of the properties.

#### **Members of the Board**

Harry Barnes, chair

Jean Dedam

Chris Dunlap

Barry Lawson

Diana Senturia, treasurer

Dart Thalman

## **Peacham Planning Commission**

The Commission spent much of 2008 continuing its work on subdivision regulations for Peacham. The Commission completed work on a draft of the regulations in November 2008 with the assistance of the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, and held three public meetings in December to explain and obtain comments on the draft. The Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft in January 2009, revise the draft based on public comments, and submit a final draft of the regulations to the Selectboard for its consideration. This work is supported, in part, by a 2008 municipal planning grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The Commission continued its fine working relationship with Bob Hansen, the Peacham Zoning Administrator, in reviewing various zoning issues, and with the Zoning Board of Adjustment in reviewing applications for conditional use permits to subdivide land.

All members of the Peacham community are welcome to attend the Commission's regularly scheduled monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Garrison

Tom Glavin

Tom Joyce

Marilyn Magnus

Gib Parrish

John Reiss

Maurine Rosenberg

## **Peacham Zoning Board of Adjustment**

There were four applications to the Board of Adjustment this past year, which consisted of one variance request from Raymond K. Oro, and three conditional sub-division requests from Duncan and Gretchen Bond, Francis Berwick, and Randy S. Friend. Each of these applications was granted.

Copies of these and all past applications, as well as those currently under consideration, are on file at the Town Clerk's Office. Notices of all Hearings are published in the local newspaper fifteen days prior to the Hearings, and are posted outside the Town Clerk's Office. Interested parties are invited to attend these Hearings.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Carlet, Chair

Michael Bruton

Ronald Craig

Robert Joly, Secretary

Donald Moore, Sr.

## **You Need a Permit for...**

**Building/altering, subdividing, or change in use of parcel:** No land development may begin until a zoning permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator as provided for in §4443, Title 24, VSA and Town of Peacham Zoning Regulations, Article 1, §103. The fee for a building permit application is \$30.00 plus a \$8.00 recording fee.

**Appeal to Zoning Board of Adjustment:** All zoning permits referred to or appealed to the Peacham Zoning Board of Adjustment will cost \$25.00

**Road access:** A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from a property onto state highways and town roads (VSA 19, §§1-43 Act 460). The fee is \$27.00.

**Fire:** A fire permit is needed for any open burning, except when the ground is snow-covered. Fire permits must be obtained from the Fire Warden. There is no fee.

## **Dog Licenses 2008**

156 dog licenses were issued.

Income: \$1166.00

Expenses: \$459.00 – Fees to state  
\$73.61 – Dog tag cost

## **2009 Rates for Dog Licenses (before April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Neutered or spayed dog	4.00
State rabies control program	<u>3.00</u>
	\$ 7.00

Unneutered or unsprayed	8.00
State rabies control program	<u>3.00</u>
	\$ 11.00

## **TOWN OF PEACHAM**

### **DOGS AND WOLF HYBRIDS ORDINANCE 6/4/08**

**SECTION 1: AUTHORITY:** This ordinance is adopted by the selectboard of the Town of Peacham under authority of 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10) and 2291 (14 & 15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

**SECTION 2: PURPOSE:** It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs and wolf hybrids (hereafter dogs), to protect public health and safety and to protect the residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes and properties, and to promote responsible animal ownership.

**SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS:** For purposes of this ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall apply:

- A. “**Dog**” means any member of the canine species;
- B. “**Wolf hybrid**” means:
  - 1. An animal that is the progeny of a dog and a wolf (*Canis lupus* or *Canis rufus*);
  - 2. An animal that is advertised or otherwise described or represented to be a wolf hybrid; or
  - 3. An animal that exhibits primary physical and/or behavioral wolf characteristics.
- C. “**Owner**” means any person who has actual or constructive possession of a dog. The term also includes those persons who provide food and shelter to a dog.

**SECTION 4: DISTURBANCES AND NUISANCES:**

- A. A dog shall be under the physical or voice control of the owner whenever off the owner's property.
- B. No dog shall harass or attack other animals or people unless such animals or people are trespassing on the private property of the owner of the dog.
- C. No person shall own, keep or harbor a dog that disturbs the quiet, comfort and repose of others by frequent, habitual or persistent barking or howling.
- D. No dog shall cause damage to personal property, harass pedestrians, bicyclists, or passersby, or obstruct traffic.
- E. No person shall permit a female dog in heat to be outside a building or secured enclosure unless properly leashed and in control of an adult.
- F. All dogs are prohibited from Peacham Elementary School property unless leashed and under the total control of the owner. All dog owners must clean up after their dogs on Peacham School property.

**SECTION 6: COLLAR AND LICENSE:**

- A. Each dog shall be licensed according to the laws of this state and shall wear a collar or harness with the current license attached. An animal that is visiting from out of state must wear a collar or harness with a current license from its home state attached.
- B. A dog that is found without a collar or harness and license may be immediately impounded under authority of 20 V.S.A. § 3806 and shall be managed under the provisions of that statute.

**SECTION 7. HUMANE CARE OF DOGS.** All dogs shall be furnished with clean and safe facilities sufficient to protect the animal and the public health. Any dog determined by the constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard to be without such clean and safe facilities may be impounded.

**SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT.** This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced the constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a et seq.

**SECTION 9. IMPOUNDMENT.** Any dog that is determined by a the constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard to be a vicious dog which presents an imminent danger to people or other animals shall be immediately impounded.

**SECTION 10. NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT AND RELEASE FROM IMPOUNDMENT.**

- A. The constable, police, animal control officer, or Selectboard who impounds a dog shall give notice to the owner within 24 hours.
- B. Impounded animals shall be released to the owner only after payment of all penalties and impoundment fees.

**SECTION 11. PENALTIES AND COSTS.**

- A. First offense                      written warning
- B. Second offense                \$50.00 full penalty/\$20.00 waiver penalty
- D. Subsequent offenses      Impoundment & impoundment costs, plus \$200.00 full penalty/\$100.00 waiver penalty (*the waiver penalty applies when an alleged violator pays the fine without contesting the violation*).
- E. Impoundment costs shall be set annually by the selectboard.

**SECTION 12. OTHER LAWS.** This ordinance is in addition to all other Ordinances of the Town of Peacham and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont.

**SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY.** If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Peacham selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

**Adoption History**

- 1. Agenda item at regular selectboard meeting held on June 4, 2008
- 2. Read and approved at regular selectboard meeting on June 4, 2008 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Posted in public places on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Notice of adoption published in the \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper on \_\_\_\_\_ with a notice of the right to petition.
- 5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]

## **TOWN OF PEACHAM**

### **Town Gym Use Policy**

This Policy is the policy of the Selectboard of the Town of Peacham relating to the use of the Town of Peacham Gymnasium.

- I. Policy:** No person other than Town of Peacham employees or officials in connection with the performance of their duties, or persons participating in a Town sponsored recreational program may use the Town of Peacham Gymnasium (“Gym”) other than in accordance with this Town of Peacham Policy.
- II. Permitted use:** The Selectboard will permit use of the Town Gymnasium under the following circumstances:
  - A. The Gym is offered for use “as is”.
  - B. Residents or taxpayers of the Town of Peacham may use the Gym for non-commercial purposes without charge. For all other uses the Select Board may condition the use of the Gym on payment and other conditions (such as proof of insurance) as it may determine is appropriate
  - C. Persons, other than those described in A or B above, desiring to use the Gym shall have executed and delivered to the Town Clerk of the Town of Peacham the attached Agreement for use of the Peacham Gymnasium which shall have been approved and countersigned by the Town Clerk and shall comply with all the provisions of this Policy.
- III. Other Provisions:** The other provisions that apply to the use of the Town Gym are as follows:
  - A. Users of the Gym are responsible for cleaning the Gym following their use of the Gym
  - B. The keys to the Town Gym shall be maintained by the Town Clerk and provided to users only consistent with the terms of this Policy. In order to cover the cost of replacing loss of the keys that are not returned a security charge may be required by the Town Clerk. Upon the return of the keys and the Town Clerk’s inspection of the Gym to see that that it has been cleaned in accordance with this Policy the key deposit shall be returned to the user.

**Adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Peacham at meeting held   October1, 2008**

**Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk**

## **Report from the Town Health Officer**

This report is dedicated to Mr. Don Davis who died unexpectedly this year. I would like to use the gate into the Peacham Cemetery that he built as a symbolic and literal example of issues that relate to the health of the town of Peacham.

In 2007 at the behest of the Select Board, the Town Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer began work on a footpath system for Peacham Village that will ultimately connect to other parts of Peacham and to a longer walking trail that extends through the Town Forest and to Groton State Park. These footpaths are intended to encourage the salubrious effects of walking and the enjoyment of our natural environment. A Vermont state grant provides support for the development of the trail with some minimal support for the Village footpath. Volunteers, notably Village residents and students from St. Johnsbury Academy, have participated in workdays to clean up the footpaths and their connections. In the Village one of our goals is to improve access via footpaths to the soccer field from the Elementary School and the Village center and to the new Town land behind the Historical Association. At the request of the Selectboard and community members, Don Davis built a gate to provide easy access from this new Town land to the Peacham Cemetery, which now connects to improved footpaths to the Roller Barn and beyond. Don Davis volunteered his time, equipment, and all materials to create the gate this past summer.

I would like to mark the passing of Don Davis. Don was a “connector,” someone who created connections among those who live in Peacham. Recent research on social forces and health has shown that social interactions can significantly reduce our risk of illness and improve our ability to recover from, or adapt to, illness. People’s sense of connection and belonging to a community and their sense that what they do makes a difference in the lives of others are being appreciated as more important to their health than the effects of traditional risks, such as smoking or infectious diseases. The contagiousness of smoking cessation, weight loss, and happiness through social relationships has been demonstrated by research recently published in the New England Journal of Medicine. This is good news and gives us reason to celebrate the social interactions that help us feel upbeat and a part of our community.

To Don Davis who helped us talk to each other and find our common roots, we owe much. To the Fire Department, which responds to emergencies with professionalism, humanity, and discretion, we are grateful. To the Planning Commission, the Prudential Committee, the Listers, the School Board, the Animal Control officer, the Tree Board, the librarians, Dick at the transfer station, Elaine at the post office, and so many others who serve and connect us, we owe our health. Laugh more, wear more flowers, knock on your neighbor’s door, drop your grievances, make friends with animals, decide that the intentions of others are good, and be well in all you enjoy and care for. Each of us matters more than we know. Meanwhile, check out the footpath and the new gate.

In the coming year, as requested, we have agreed to facilitate a series of community meetings to explore health and health care. Finally, if you need assistance accessing useful health information or addressing disease prevention, please contact the Town Health Officer or the Vermont Health Department District Office in St. Johnsbury.

Respectfully Presented February 9, 2009

Sharon McDonnell MD, MPH

Jean Berwick,

Town Health Officer, Peacham Vermont

Deputy Town Health Office



## **Transfer Station Report 2008**

The compactor continues to work well. Garbage is still being picked up every three weeks.

We still need to be a lot more careful about separating tin cans and aluminum – the more we recycle, the more we save. We now recycle aerosol cans, home thermostats, and rechargeable batteries.

Dick Blair

### **Fees at the Transfer Station**

Bag of Trash:                      \$2.00 (stickers from Town Hall or pay at drop off)

Large Appliances                \$10.00

Furniture, mattress            \$5.00

Sofa                                \$10.00

Tire                                \$3.00

Pickup truck load               \$35.00

You can also recycle computers and televisions. Either bring the following items to the Transfer Station or to the Waste Management District office at 224 Church St, Lyndonville. The fees at both locations are the same.

Computer system               \$10.00

Computer component        \$5.00

TV up to 19"                    \$7.00

TV over 19"                    \$12.00

## **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District 2008 Report for the Town of Peacham**

The 2008 recycling rate for the Town of Peacham was 32%.

The revenues for the 2008 NEKWMD budget came from the sale of recyclables (30%), State grants (4%), hauling fees (5%), electronics/tire fees (4%), miscellaneous fees and income (4%), and a surcharge on every ton of trash disposed of from NEKWMD towns (53%). The surcharge rate of \$19.25/ton shall remain the same for 2008. Residents, businesses, and contractors from the Town of Peacham paid less than 0.5% of the District budget in 2008, based on the surcharge on trash.

The NEKWMD runs a household hazardous waste collection through the summer months at the Lyndonville Recycling Center – call ahead to schedule an appointment. This is open to residents and Conditionally Exempt Generator (CEG) businesses from all NEKWMD towns. Peacham residents are also welcome to use the recycling, scrap metal and special waste collections at the NEKWMD office in Lyndonville.

We are looking forward to a full slate of events during 2009. The hazardous waste depot in Lyndonville will be open from May 30 through October 1 by appointment, and an HHW event will be held on Saturday, May 2 at the Danville Recycling Center and Saturday, June 27 at the Ryegate Recycling Center – Peacham residents are welcome at these collections as well as any other HHW events sponsored by the NEKWMD. Watch for our annual bicycle reuse event this May 31 – come and pick up a new-to-you bike at no cost! Clothing drop and swaps are scheduled for spring and fall at the Fenton Chester arena in Lyndonville and the IROC Center in Derby. Be sure to check the calendar often at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org) for more information.

Please give us a call at 626-3532 or 1-800-734-4602 with any questions, comments, or waste management issues that you have. We can also be reached by e-mail at [outreach@nekwmd.org](mailto:outreach@nekwmd.org) or on the web at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org).

Thank you, and remember...

# **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

# WARNING

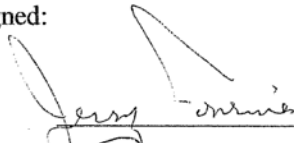
## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

### MARCH 3, 2009

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 610,015.00?

Signed:

  
 Edward W. Clark  
 Paul W. Goss  
 Steve Kewey  
 Mrs. Dagle  
 Harman R. Gough  
 Mike J. Gouland  
 Mr. A. Ady  
 Laurie Eastman  
 Brad Houghton  
 Richard G. Bliss  
 Franklin Henry  
 Larry R. Piers  
 The Shovine  
 David Sanders

James W. Batchelder  
 Irene Deane  
 John Karp  
 William L. Dyk  
 Mike Wase  
 Kent Jure  
 Joel Gye  
 Edward Bates  
 Gene A. Perkins  
 Jane W. Oakley  
 Preston Smith  
 Pauline Parker  
 John A. Smith

2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2007 BUDGET	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL AS OF 12/31/08	2009 Proposed Budget
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$768.38	\$750.00
Audit -- Financial	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,800.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$3,500.00	\$4,800.00	\$3,288.11	\$4,800.00
Bank Charges	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$904.45	\$800.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
Cleaning	\$200.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,560.00
Copier	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,751.02	\$1,800.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,263.00	\$1,200.00
Heating Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,320.00	\$2,500.00
Insurance:				
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00	\$7,001.00	\$7,000.00
Public Officials	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Legal Fees	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$507.50	\$500.00
Postage	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,400.01	\$2,500.00
Supplies:				
Office	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$3,112.07	\$2,500.00
Telephone - Office	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,603.32	\$4,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,155.70	\$1,400.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$32,150.00</b>	<b>\$33,890.00</b>	<b>\$33,819.56</b>	<b>\$36,010.00</b>
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>				
Improvements	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,677.62	\$2,000.00
Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,401.88	\$7,200.00
Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,091.98	\$3,000.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,712.91	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,219.02	\$1,750.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,600.00</b>	<b>\$15,103.41</b>	<b>\$14,950.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,124.29	\$1,500.00
Baler Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,243.75	\$2,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,236.07	\$4,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$4,940.22	\$4,640.00
Forklift Repairs	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,578.46	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,239.43	\$1,000.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,256.55	\$1,100.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,541.90	\$1,500.00
Trucks				
Dodge--Gas	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$801.22	\$0.00
Dodge--Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$498.59	\$0.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$8,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$21,341.83	\$20,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,642.08	\$3,000.00
INTL.-CDL & Drug Testing	\$200.00	\$65.00	\$195.00	\$130.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$34,450.00</b>	<b>\$31,865.00</b>	<b>\$63,639.39</b>	<b>\$41,870.00</b>
Gross Wages	\$226,060.00	\$261,625.00	\$267,423.71	\$242,940.00
Overtime Wages--Warehouse	\$4,400.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,754.51	\$3,500.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$14,290.00	\$16,530.00	\$16,279.37	\$16,700.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$3,345.00	\$3,870.00	\$3,807.31	\$3,905.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$695.25	\$704.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$12,150.00	\$11,860.00	\$12,249.65	\$12,275.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$8,142.00	\$10,000.00

2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2007 BUDGET	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL AS OF 11/30/08	2009 Proposed Budget
Health Insurance/Flex Spending	\$92,000.00	\$116,305.00	\$97,617.05	\$121,810.00
Mileage - Employee	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$8,196.55	\$6,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,773.54	\$4,000.00
Personnel Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$802.49	\$1,000.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$531.00	\$500.00
Travel	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$7.79	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$370,245.00</b>	<b>\$438,540.00</b>	<b>\$424,280.22</b>	<b>\$423,434.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,582.76	\$4,737.00
Permits & Fees	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$306.50	\$300.00
Composting	\$16,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$13,322.97	\$5,500.00
Composter/Bin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,608.24	\$5,000.00
Education Outreach	\$22,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$27,844.14	\$14,464.00
Electronics Recycling	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,758.35	\$15,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$35,433.76	\$25,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,053.59	\$3,750.00
Special Collections	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,358.43	\$5,000.00
Tire Disposal	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$11,403.60	\$12,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$97,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,120.00</b>	<b>\$129,672.34</b>	<b>\$90,751.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$549,845.00</b>	<b>\$620,015.00</b>	<b>\$666,514.92</b>	<b>\$607,015.00</b>
<b>DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS</b>				
Interest	\$0.00		\$1,792.99	
Principal	\$0.00			
<b>TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$1,792.99</b>	
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>				
Capital Improvement Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$559,845.00</b>	<b>\$630,015.00</b>	<b>\$678,307.91</b>	<b>\$610,015.00</b>
<b>NEKWMD REVENUES</b>	<b>2007 BUDGET</b>	<b>2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>2008 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2009 PROPOSED</b>
Grants-St of VT	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$28,165.94	\$67,100.00
Hauling-Recycling Pick-ups	\$29,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$34,725.18	\$31,915.00
Hazardous Waste (CEG Fees)	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,761.13	\$2,000.00
Interest Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$797.04	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,942.11	\$1,000.00
Program Sales-Composter/Bins	\$2,800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,656.20	\$5,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$900.00	\$750.00	\$625.00	\$500.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$117,000.00	\$137,115.00	\$166,462.74	\$100,000.00
Compost Income	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$6,939.55	\$1,000.00
Electronics Income	\$5,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,082.56	\$12,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$10,500.00	\$17,000.00	\$36,060.55	\$11,000.00
Battery Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,968.35	\$2,500.00
CFC Appliance Income	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tire Income	\$7,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$12,630.07	\$12,000.00
Surcharge-Waste Haulers	\$340,145.00	\$359,400.00	\$360,084.62	\$363,000.00
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$559,845.00</b>	<b>\$630,015.00</b>	<b>\$673,901.04</b>	<b>\$610,015.00</b>

## Executive Committee Report

After a strong first three quarters, the NEKWMD finished 2008 in fair financial condition. Recycling markets helped push revenues 7% above projections. The sale of recyclables yielded \$166,000 or 25% of total revenues – our best year ever! However, a number of factors (repairs, increased fuel costs, and hazmat disposal) conspired to drive costs nearly 8% above projections. The NEKWMD ended 2008 with a deficit of \$4,400 (0.7%).

Although global economic conditions finally impacted our budget in November, the 37,000 residents of 44 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion. The NEKWMD was staffed by eight full-time and two part-time employees in 2008. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principle authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. As the representatives of the member towns, the Board of Supervisors has continuously voted to use surplus funds to replace aging equipment and keep the WMD debt-free. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly and sets the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget.

The NEKWMD is entering 2009 with a budget of \$610,015 – a decrease of \$20,000 (3.2%). Although the budget is decreasing in 2009, the surcharge on non-recycled waste is remaining the same. The surcharge for 2009 will be \$19.25/ton. In addition, other District fees for hauling, electronics, and tires will remain at their 2008 rates.

Significant events in 2008 included:

- The turn-over of curbside recycling in Lyndonville to a private hauler;
- Expansion of food waste composting at the following schools: Jay/Westfield Elementary, Holland Elementary, Newark Elementary, and Lyndon Institute;
- Diversion of over 200 tons of food waste through composting in Danville, Greensboro, Lyndonville, Newark, and Wheelock; and
- New facilities were constructed and opened in Canaan and Ryegate

The NEKWMD will continue to promote unit-based pricing for non-recyclable wastes. Since fees for NEKWMD membership are based primarily on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

In 2009, the NEKWMD will be looking to add composting opportunities throughout the District, strengthen outreach to schools, expand markets for recyclable materials, and promote greater participation in recycling programs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

### **NEKWMD Executive Committee**

## **Caledonia County Sheriff's Department Report 2008**

Well, what a year! We logged thousands of miles all over the state doing prisoner transports and served hundreds of pieces of civil process (papers). We added a 2008 Chevy Impala cruiser to our fleet, and we will order another car early in 2009. Our fleet of vehicles is the backbone of our ability to provide our services. We also upgraded our snow machines so that we can continue to keep the sport fun and safe to do. All of our vehicles are purchased with money generated from our contracted service. No taxpayer money is used for their purchase. We have seen our presence increase in Caledonia County over the past few years and we look forward to filling Law Enforcement voids as they develop or are identified.

The Sheriff's Department share of the county budget is up slightly this coming year with insurance and rent increases. We are grateful for the county support we get to assist us in the office expenses. No funds from the county budget go to fund any deputy salary or uniforms. We are able to do this from the contracts we enter into. Each year seven of the fourteen county Sheriff's Office are audited, our audit was completed this past November. Our office is very fortunate to have a very dedicated, hard working, group of Deputies. With that there are very few details throughout the year that we turn down. I know that we are a very viable Law Enforcement entity, cable of handling all aspects of primary Law Enforcement. We offer the ability for someone that needs a law enforcement presence to be there for as long as they need us, and the ability to have us stop when the need is gone. Many towns in the county see this as a great way to address Law Enforcement issues and the costs associated with them. Yes, there is a punitive role for law enforcement and public safety is paramount, but when the opportunity allows we will continue to make service part of our mission also.

The Sheriff's Department has fourteen Law Enforcement Officers and one civil process server. We have an Office Administrator and two Administrative Assistant's who dispatch the Deputies and manage our office. One works 35 hours a week, one works 24 hours a week and one fills in when needed. Deputy William O'Hare was promoted to the rank of Sergeant this past year and continues to delivery quality service to the public.

We held our bicycle safety day and helmet giveaway in Lyndonville last spring for the Lyndon area young people. This past fall we held snowmobile education courses so that young people could get a certificate to drive a snow machine. Deputy Dean Shatney was the instructor for those classes. Deputy Shatney is also our car seat technician and is helping families make sure their car seat is installed correctly. Deputy DeLisle is our hunter safety instructor and held cases again this past fall.

I would like to thank Assistant Judges Roy Vance and William Kennedy for their cooperation and assistance over the past year. I would also like to thank those folks who became or continue to be Honorary Members of the Vermont Sheriff's Association. Your support helps with training for the Sheriff's and three student scholarships as well as helping fund projects like our helmet day in the Lyndonville area.

Thank you for your support and please call if you think the Sheriff's Dept. can be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,  
Michael H. Bergeron, Sheriff  
E-MAIL: mbergero@dps.state.vt.us

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### Caledonia County Court Update

This is a general update for the past year for Caledonia County Courts.

Each year Assistant Judges Roy C. Vance and William P. Kennedy visit the town's select board meetings in Caledonia County and present the upcoming county budget. This gives the board an opportunity to ask questions and present feedback on the county budget.

This year judicial rotation brings Honorable Howard VanBenthuyssen to Caledonia County as presiding judge, and Honorable Robert R. Bent as second judge. Both judges live in Caledonia County. Judge Bent is also presiding judge in Essex County and spends time in Orleans County. E. Tobias Balivet is the current Probate Judge. Michael Bergeron is the Sheriff for Caledonia County. The Sheriff's Department is located in the Caledonia Courthouse. Kathleen Pearl is the court manager for Superior, Family and District Courts in Caledonia.

Superior court staff consists of Michele McDonald, Chief Deputy Clerk, Margaret Villeneuve, Deputy Clerk and county treasurer, and Bridget Sargent, Assistant Clerk.

The sheriff's department staff consists of Paula Watts, Office Administrator and Gerard DeLisle, Office Assistant.

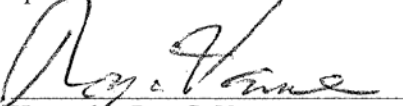
The sheriff's department is contracted to provide security for the courthouse, and provides deputies for court officers. There is a security officer present for all times the court is open to the public. The ongoing dependable services of the sheriff's department have proven to be invaluable. Due to state budgetary issues, each state court was ordered to close for one half day. Caledonia Courts is now closed on Tuesdays at noon to 4:30 PM. Procedures have been established to handle emergency needs for juveniles and relief from abuse and a paper slot was installed in the front door for people to drop off papers to be file stamped that day.

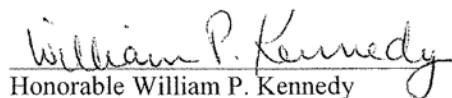
Paul Remick and his staff provide custodial services and maintenance for the courthouse.

The staff at Caledonia Courts processed 368 passports from Nov. 1, 2007 to Nov. 1, 2008. The staff provides great customer service for passports. They are on top of all the requirement changes and take the passport pictures with a digital camera.

The caseload in Superior Court continues to grow. This is due to the increase in collection cases, foreclosure cases and landlord tenant ejectment cases. As of November 1, 2008 there were 318 civil cases and 524 small claims cases filed.

The harmonious working relationship between the Assistant Judges, Court Manager, and Sheriff make the operations of the court smooth and effective.

  
Honorable Roy C. Vance  
Assistant Judge

  
Honorable William P. Kennedy  
Assistant Judge



**NOTICE  
TO  
CALEDONIA COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 133 Notice is hereby given that the annual CALEDONIA COUNTY meeting of the voters presenting the proposed budget for the county for the ensuing year will be held on January 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the

CALEDONIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
1126 MAIN STREET  
ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT

The following is a summary of the expenditures being proposed for the various areas of the proposed budget:

<b>SUMMARY OF CALEDONIA COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET</b>				
Expenditure Descriptions	County (Superior) Court	Probate Court	Sheriff's Dept.	Totals
Personnel	\$241,300		\$74,800	\$316,100
Facility & Maintenance	\$18,300	\$2,300	\$52,756	\$73,356
Other (inc. Capital imp.)	\$500			\$500
Debt Service for All				
Grant Totals	\$260,100	\$2,300	\$127,556	\$389,956

**ATTENTION**

Copies of the complete proposed budget are available to the public during the county court's hours of Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the county (superior) court at 1126 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Vermont. To have a copy mailed to you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with adequate postage for a two-ounce mailing.

## **The Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont**

The Area Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit, United Way organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The Agency connects older adults and their families with the services they need to live with independence and dignity.

Our staff works closely with seniors and their families offering assistance with Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, public assistance programs, in-home services and many other types of help. There is no charge for services provided by the Agency.

Your past support allowed us to provide services to over 5,400 seniors last year in the Northeast Kingdom and supported a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Sincerely,  
Ken Gordon  
Executive Director

## REPORT OF CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE

Fiscal Year 2008 was our seventh full year under the Medicare's Prospective Payment System. We were able to successfully provide our clients with qualified home care services under this payment system. We were able to end the year in a financially sound position secondary to the financial support we received from towns, donated memorial contributions and fundraising events.

Our mission continues to be to provide necessary services to individuals and their families regardless of an individual's ability to pay. We are very committed to this philosophy. We feel strongly that each resident of our service area is entitled to home care services if they meet the criteria for such services. To assure that this can continue to happen, your support to us is crucial. Town monies are used to counter losses we experience when we provide free care. It is also used to support program growth and the development of necessary services to assure an individual's ability to remain independent.

Last year we made over 46,000 visits to your neighbors and relatives. In addition to our home care and hospice programs, we offered a variety of screenings and community clinics for flu shots. In collaboration with NVRH we conducted a Cancer Support Group. Our Private Duty program held steady and our Healthy Baby program experienced growth.

Caledonia Home Health Care (CHHC), as all of the non-profit home health agencies in Vermont, is certified by Medicare and Medicaid to provide home care and hospice services to Caledonia County, seven towns in Essex County and one town in Orleans County.

Universal access to home health care for all Vermonters is essential. However, it places the responsibility on the home care agency to raise the necessary funds to supply the needed services. The agencies do not receive any direct subsidies or grants from either the state or federal government. Our certification as licensed home health agencies allows us to bill clients, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance companies for services rendered. In some instances the reimbursement amount is less than the actual cost of providing the service. Therefore, the financial support of the communities served by CHHC is essential in maintaining these services.

Vermont's tradition of "caring for its own" is strikingly evident in the generous response we have received from our annual appropriation request, throughout our history. We have always strived to keep this request as reasonable and equitable as possible while seeking to cover a portion of the shortfall encountered in serving all in need. This year is no different. Individual town requests are based on a combination of factors including population, history of CHHC use, the number of visits in the past year, and the free care provided in each community. We have appreciated your support in the past and hope it will continue. Our annual report, including an audited financial statement, is available at our office for public inspection.

All of us at Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice remain committed to helping you, your family and your neighbors to lead healthy and independent lives. All town appropriation money will go directly to preserve the health care you and your neighbors deserve. Thank you for your continued support.

### TOWN OF Peacham VISIT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Nursing Visits	93	236	Social Services	3	16
Home Health Aide	12	10	Homemaking	0	0
Therapy Visits (Physical, Occupational, Speech)	60	66	Hospice	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>332</b>

Other Services Provided: Bereavement Program, Maternal Child Health, Adult Health Screening & Education, Flu Clinic, Long Term Care, Support Groups, Private Duty

# Catamount Arts 2008

The residents and voters of Peacham played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2008. Through support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and performances offered throughout the year, the citizens of Peacham helped to keep the Arts vital and available to all of the residents of the Northeast Kingdom.

Since the opening of Catamount's new Community Arts Center at the Masonic Temple on Eastern Avenue in St. Johnsbury, more than 15,000 patrons have taken advantage of films, art exhibits, performances, classes, lectures, plays and other events presented at the facility. Catamount has also made its space available for use by organizations in Peacham and other communities and is fulfilling its promise of becoming a cultural and artistic meeting place for all residents of the area.

During 2008, Catamount was able to present more than 65 films and 30 live performances, in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Peacham. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

A significant portion of the appropriation provided by the voters of Peacham also want to provide much needed funding for Catamount School Time Performances, which benefits more than 4000 schoolchildren in grades pre-k through eight, and for the upkeep of the Art Gallery, which each year presents a regular series of exhibits by artists from Peacham and the surrounding area.

Catamount is also very proud of the fact that a sizable portion of its almost 500 members are residents of Peacham. These members form the core of Catamount's patrons and serve as cultural and artistic ambassadors to their own community.

With the opening of its new Community Arts Center, Catamount and its patrons also directly and indirectly contribute more than \$1,300,000 each year to the local economy while also securing a meeting space for local Masons for generations to come. However, in these tough economic times, Catamount greatly needs and appreciates the financial support of all residents, including the residents of Peacham. For this reason, Catamount respectfully requests your continued support and appropriation for the coming year.

## **Danville Rescue, Inc.**

As we close the door to 2008 and end our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we open the door to 2009 and the challenges ahead of us.

The past year has presented us with not only challenges in the every changing health care world, but also the challenge of change within our organization. In January Gary Schoenemann, former longtime president of the Rescue squad stepped down from office handing the baton on. Gary had served as head of the service for many years and has seen the squad through years of service as well as the design, construction and transition into our home on Brainerd street. We as a squad and members of this community would like to thank Gary for his many years of dedication and service to the community.

Setting new goals and striving to accomplish those we had already set kept all members busy throughout the year. Financially, revenue for the service always depends on how many calls we have and our call numbers were down significantly in 2008. This should be seen as 'fortunate' as we support a healthy community; unfortunately, it created a decrease in our revenue which we rely on to assure care is always available to those in need. In 2008, we responded to approximately 250 calls including both medical and trauma, emergent and non-emergent. We continue to teach classes to members of the community in CPR, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and ambulance entry classes; as well as our fund raising efforts to help supplement the cost of equipment upgrades.

The Membership Subscription introduced at Town Meeting last year began in late fall. Mailers were sent out to members of the community in all the towns. We chose to utilize each town's checklist for initial mailings and encourage anyone who is interested to contact us at our non-emergency number if you did not receive this mailing. This program is designed to allow patients who call on us for local services to be exempt from any outstanding balances. Individuals are not held responsible for any amount of the actual bill, i.e. co-pays, deductibles, etc. If you do not have insurance, this amount will cover the entire expense. The cost of the yearly membership is \$45.00 (family), \$30.00 (individual) and \$25.00 (single senior). For details of the program please feel free to contact any rescue member.

As promised, in 2008 our new Board of Directors began work assisting the service in overseeing and advising on issues brought before them. They meet on a quarterly basis and have been very active in this years budget decisions. Other projects currently being worked on are long term planning and a new web design. The members of the Board include William Cruess, Danville; Chris Bissell, Walden; Chip Deasy, Peacham; Barb Byrne, NVRH, Kelly Greaves, VP Danville Rescue; and Deb Bach, President Danville Rescue (non-voting member). If you have questions and or concerns, please feel free to speak to your representative to help initiate conversation for improvement.

As always, our goal is to assure safe, efficient care to all those in need; not only in our community, but to offer assistance to our neighboring communities when needed. Your support helps make this possible. We have worked diligently this year to present a financially responsible appropriation request. The appropriation request for Peacham this year is \$ 4,000. Thank you for your support.

## **Danville Senior Action Center Annual Report for 2008**

In 2008 the Danville Senior Action Center celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its founding in 1978. In addition to this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a pie auction held at one of the Danville Concert on the Green programs, a series of guest chefs and meals hosted at the Danville Inn, were all highlights of the past year

The Senior Action Center operates Meal-site Programs at the Danville United Methodist and the Peacham Congregational Churches, and served approximately 4700 meals in 2008.

The Meal-site program at the Danville United Methodist Church operates year-round on Tuesdays and Thursdays and serves an average of 50 meals per week. In addition to the meals served at the meal site location, approximately 15 meals are delivered to homebound residents of Danville.

The Meal-site program at the Peacham Congregational Church operates from May through October and serves an average of 12 meals each Tuesday and Thursday. The Meal-site program closes at the Peacham Congregational Church from November through April. Home delivery in Peacham continues to be available and provides an average of two meals per week in the town of Peacham.

The Senior Action Center receives funding from a variety of sources including the towns of Peacham, Danville and Walden, the Northeast Area Agency on Aging, “suggested donations” from clients who are patrons of the meal site programs, donations from community members and organizations, fundraisers and a variety of other sources.

The support received from the towns of Danville, Walden and Peacham demonstrate the commitment those communities have to our senior citizens.

We are grateful for the support of the Peacham community and are once again requesting \$300 in funding for the 2009 budget year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Douglas Carter,  
Danville Senior Action Center, Board of Directors

## Fairbanks Museum Report 2008

January 2009

To the People of Peacham:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium serves many **communities** each year: 65,000 visitors to our galleries and programs; 16,000,000 radio listeners; 100,000 television viewers; and 30,000 web visitors. These communities are populated by lifelong learners; by visitors exploring the nature of our world; by folks curious to know the day's weather forecast, the sights and sounds of a star-filled night, and the rhythms and diversity of the natural world. They are your children, your neighbors, your guests. They depend on the Museum's highly respected **Eye on the Sky** weather broadcasts throughout Vermont and beyond. They enjoy "Aha!" moments in the Museum's galleries and in its array of programs and activities. They seek answers to questions from architecture to zoology, from the microscopic to the cosmological, and the Museum responds.

The Museum's assets are treasures that belong to all of these communities: a classic building; collections and exhibits that celebrate over a century of discovery and inquiry; a dedicated and experienced staff of scientists, educators, and curators; and a fundamental belief that knowledge belongs to everyone. The Museum belongs to you, too. **Thanks to your support of the Museum through your municipal special appropriation, your admission to the Museum is always free.**

In 2008 the Museum engaged young children through **Fridays at Fairbanks** family learning experiences, **Star Quest** family astronomy programs, Halloween and winter holiday events, and inquiries into the art and science of nature. The Museum brought the spirit of innovation and imagination to life through the exhibition **Vermont Inventors**, our first-ever **Student Inventors Fair**, and our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual **Festival of Traditional Crafts**. We recognized the special relationship between humans and the ecology of the Northern Forest through school programs and public workshops, and by honoring Steve Long and Virginia Barlow, the founders of **Northern Woodlands Magazine** with our **Franklin Fairbanks Award**.

At the Fairbanks Museum we remain dedicated to high standards and community engagement as we work to fulfill our mission "to inspire appreciation for our place in the natural world and motivate our stewardship of a healthy planet." We are honored by the many communities who share in this work, and we depend on the continuation of that partnership. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Browne, Executive Director



Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

## Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. 2008 Annual Report Summary

Eric T. Grims  
Executive Director

Providing  
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Substance Abuse  
and  
Developmental Services

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Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., is a private not-for-profit organization serving Essex, Caledonia and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

The State of Vermont contracts with NKHS to provide a broad range of services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, children with severe emotional disturbance and their families, and individuals with developmental disabilities including mental retardation and autism. Services are also offered to individuals with alcohol and drug problems by NKHS' Substance Abuse Program.

NKHS provides emergency and outpatient services to individuals with various, less severe social, emotional and psychological problems. To the extent that these services are subsidized by state and local dollars. NKHS provides the services on a sliding fee scale based on the person's ability to pay.

Your appropriation is especially important to the delivery of our programs and services because it demonstrates community support and financial assistance. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

### FY 2008 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF PEACHAM

2000 Census\* Count for your town: **665**      Persons served: **7**

Our request for support at \$1.05 per capita = **\$698.00**

Thank you for your support.

Eric Grims  
Executive Director

Cindy LaGue  
President, Board of Directors

\* US Census Bureau







# NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.

NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH, ADULTS, FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

MANAGEMENT/FISCAL SERVICES FOR NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER: 3762 U.S. ROUTE 5, DERBY, VT 05829

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November 1, 2008

We are the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy Program (Adult Basic Education). We provide on-demand home, learning center and distance educational services to Peacham residents as well as to almost anyone in Caledonia, Essex or Orleans counties over the age of sixteen who wants to improve basic education skills. The program has full service learning centers in Newport, Hardwick, Canaan and St. Johnsbury, part-time centers in North Troy, Island Pond and Lyndonville. In-home instruction is available everywhere in the three counties. As always, demand for adult basic education services remains very high. In 2008, we provided over 12,250 hours of direct instruction to 619 students. We are currently serving 313 adults who are working on a GED or high school diploma. The commercial Drivers License course continues to be one of our most attended offerings and our new High School Completion Program is generating a very high level of interest. During the last year, 8 students received high school diplomas through this program. The NEKLS work readiness option is expanding and in order to enhance this important option we now offer the WorkKeys© Assessment. It is one of the nation's best vocational/post secondary readiness tests. We also have become an ACT licensure and certification testing center. Our first real time distance learning with a college credit course has been introduced and completed. Distance learning should greatly increase the instructional options available to our students as well as enhancing accessibility to college and vocational instruction.

Your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program has always been important and it will remain so in 2009. Costs of the statewide administrative system continue to challenge our delivery system. As a result, our town funds are very important to our efforts to introduce new instructional options and maintain high program quality. During this coming year, town funds will help us purchase instructional supplies, reference material and create additional multi-option student learning stations. Town funds also will be utilized to increase student access to our new distance learning option. We hope you will continue to support your Northeast Kingdom Adult Basic Education program.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$250.00 for the coming year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

William V. Crenshaw  
Executive Director

## LEARNING CENTERS

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## Northeast Kingdom Youth Services Report 2008

*Northeast Kingdom Youth Services has offered vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. Our staff is available to Peacham residents 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.*

**In 2008:**

**Youth Services served over 3,002 people in Caledonia and Essex counties and provided more than 1,419 nights of safe housing for homeless youth and those needing a safe place to stay.**

### **Youth Services served 34 in Peacham.**

NEKYS provided essential support to 1,207 youth and families through the **Family Connections** and **Parent Education** Programs. Through mediation, counseling, and parent and youth support groups, these programs give families the tools they need to cultivate safe, nurturing homes. Families learn problem-solving skills and develop plans designed to keep future conflicts from reaching a crisis. At 6-month follow up after **Parent Education** services, 78% of children remained safely at home with their families and had no new reports of abuse. Of 7 pregnant and parenting teens attending an educational group in 2008, 100% reported learning valuable new parenting skills.

The **Caledonia and Essex Court Diversion Programs** worked with 274 clients in 2008. The State's Attorney refers first-time criminal offenders, plus 25% of the juvenile delinquents in Caledonia County Family Court to Youth Services' Diversion Programs. The completion success rate of our clients is: 84% overall; 89% for ages 10-17 years; and 83% for those 18 and older. Diversion clients worked 1,455 hours of community service and paid over \$5,549 in restitution in 2008. Since it costs thousands of dollars to process one person through the court system, it is clear that the \$202 spent on one Diversion client is well worth the cost.

NEKYS **Transitional Services** for youth ages 15-21 who have been in foster care, are homeless, or at high risk of homelessness served 555 young people and their families in 2008. Youth received information, support and life skills education to help them learn to live productively on their own. 90% of youth in the **Transitional Living Program** in 2008 furthered their education, and 76% of youth developed healthy relationships with one or more adults in their community. 38 youth completed a 23-week life skills course through the **Youth Development Program**.

**The Living Room** day shelter, open 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, had 2,095 visits from area teens and served over 174 youth in 2008. The Living Room offers a safe, comfortable learning environment for young people to eat, shower, do laundry, use a computer for homework or resume writing, and socialize in a substance-free environment. 36 youth participated in Teen Council meetings and 71% of youth accessing **The Living Room** received life skills education.

Our **Elm Street Overnight Shelter** with five emergency beds and five longer-term single rooms for homeless youth offers life skills education, supportive counseling, individual case management, and family mediation and crisis services to every youth entering housing. The shelter provided 20 youth with over 1,419 nights of safe housing and supportive services in 2008. 100% of transitional youth improved life skills and increased their protective assets. 64% of transitional youth gained or maintained employment. Of 6 youth successfully graduating from the **Elm Street Overnight Shelter**, 100% exited to safe, permanent housing.

**The JUMP Mentoring Program** successfully matched 46 at-risk students in grades 2 through 11 with caring adult mentors, once a week in the student's school. 96% of youth served in 2008 report that they trust and talk to their mentors. Said one mentee, "From personal experience I know that a mentor can get you through some of the toughest times of your life. Without a mentor, I'd be lost." Even though meetings happen during the student's free time when they might instead be with their peers, almost half of mentees surveyed in 2008 report that the one thing they would change is "to have more time with my mentor."

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve.

Thank you again for supporting families in your community. If you have any questions or concerns, call at 748-8732.



# Rural Community Transportation, Inc.



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## "The Ruby in the Kingdom"

Peacham Town Office  
PO Box 244  
Peacham, VT 05862

Re: Town Funding

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2009 for an appropriation in the amount of \$850.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year. The request from towns is part of a 20% matching fund that RCT must raise in order to draw down the remaining 80% for some transportation needs.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over seventeen years and have to ask for assistance through appropriations within the local community. RCT must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled through a volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provides over 205,000 rides per year. Most of these rides are provided with our volunteer drivers that are reimbursed \$0.50.5 per mile for the use of their vehicles.

RCT's volunteer drivers transport people of all ages to school, adult-daycare services, senior meal sights and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical skills and regular appointments. We currently have people use our services for transportation to medical appointments throughout the Northeast Kingdom, Burlington, VT, Hanover, NH and other medical facilities.

RCT has provided Peacham residents with 347 trips, accumulating approximately 14,146 miles over the past year. This is an increase of 26 trips over the last year.

With level funding from the state for over ten years and the increasing request for our transportation services, RCT is respectfully requesting your help. We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

If you have further questions, please call me at (802) 334-0239. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Sheltra - Transit Coordinator



1222 Main Street, Suite 301  
St Johnsbury, VT 05819

### **2009 Town Report**

Umbrella exists to improve opportunities for women and families in the communities we serve to live safe, productive, self-determined lives. We focus our efforts in two areas: decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence, and ensuring that children thrive in safe communities and in families attentive to their needs. We currently offer three programs toward this end: The Advocacy Program, Kingdom Child Care Connection, and The Family Room Supervised Visitation Program. Over the past year, Umbrella has been called upon to expand services in response to a growing need.

The most substantial change is the expansion of Umbrella's Advocacy Program to serve the entire Northeast Kingdom in the wake of the closure of Step ONE in Newport. Umbrella's record of stability and excellent services positioned us to step in on an interim basis, ensuring uninterrupted services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties while the community determines the best long-term service model. In the southern tier of the Kingdom, our Youth Outreach and Education program presentations and groups on bullying, teen dating violence, sexual harassment and conflict resolution for school-age children and youth continue to be in high demand. The Horizon House emergency and transitional housing facility for victims of domestic and sexual violence is scheduled to open in early 2009, and a smaller facility is currently available in Newport.

Last year also saw the opening of a Derby location for The Family Room Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program, where non-residential parents can build and strengthen relationships with their children in a safe, child-centered, welcoming environment. The St. Johnsbury site has been very active since opening in the fall of 2007.

Kingdom Child Care Connection continues to support the development of a system of high quality, affordable child care for our region. With the addition of a new staff position in this program area, child care providers that enroll a child with challenging behaviors have the support and mentoring they need to maintain a stable and responsive environment for all the children in their care. KCCC also supports families by helping parents identify and advocate for quality child care, and connects them with state child care tuition assistance when applicable.

Given the nature of our programs, some services are provided anonymously, so concrete service counts are not possible. We know that last year, *at least* 4 Peacham individuals/families received direct services through Umbrella's two core programs (exclusive of youth prevention programming) and 3 child care providers took advantage of our professional development programs. We also know that more than 30% of women will be victims of abuse during their lives, and that the overwhelming majority of families rely on child care for the healthy development of their children and the productivity of our community. Your support of Umbrella is crucial to the success of these programs, and allows us to explore new ways to make our community safe and strong for all.

Thank you for your support of Umbrella.

**2009 Appropriation Request: \$500.00**



West Danville Community Club  
P. O. Box 6  
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November 4, 2008

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Selectboard  
Town of Peacham  
P. O. Box 244  
Peacham, VT 05862

Dear Selectboard Members:

We want to thank you for your past support of Joe's Pond Beach. We of the West Danville Community Club are in the process of renovating the beach. Money for the projects comes from the settlement from Green Mountain Power and a grant from the Agency of Natural Resources, both of which were earmarked for improving the beach in a manner that enhances water quality and prevents further erosion. Work completed this summer included planting more trees and shrubs, removing the obsolete bathroom, and installing a "stone toe" along the shoreline to halt the severe erosion that had occurred over the years. Next year we are scheduled to have the St. J. Academy students build a pavilion on the cement footprint of the former bathroom.

Joe's Pond is one of the few (if not only) free beaches remaining. The West Danville Community Club has the responsibility of maintaining the beach, and we obtain our resources from membership dues, fundraising, and donations from generous towns as yours.

**Could you please include us in next year's budget for the amount of \$500, which has been your contribution in the past.**

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Rita Foley  
Vice President  
West Danville Community Club

## **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report 2008**

In Vermont today, over 10,500 residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus create feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood.

During fiscal year 2008, VABVI served 1,147 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 2 adults from the Town of Peacham.

Since 1926, VABVI, a nonprofit organization, has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier and Rutland. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at 1-800-639-5861, email [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit us on the web at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

Please contact Brendan Robinson, Development Coordinator, at [brobinson@vabvi.org](mailto:brobinson@vabvi.org) or (802) 863-1358 ext. 17 if you would prefer to receive this information by email. Thank you.

**END OF TOWN REPORT. TURN BOOK OVER FOR SCHOOL REPORT.**

